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New teen center coordinator making a difference

More activities, participants
part of center's new image

By Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — Leah Smalley took the job of teen coordinator at the city's Teen Center thinking the town was like "Mayberry" and she would be overseeing arts and crafts. Instead she found a program with a bad image, full of what she called "latch-key and at-risk kids." But Smalley is working hard to turn that image around.

"When I first got here it was crazy. Kids were wearing. I broke up fights. There was drug dealing...outside in the trees," she said, talking a mile a minute.

Not that she can't handle it. When she ran the Mosquitos Club youth program in gang-riddled San Francisco several years ago, she said she found herself delivering a baby to a 13-year-old lying on her desk and screaming for pain killers.

The baby's head was out when the ambulance arrived. Then Smalley had to explain the situation to the curious kids, ages 5 to 17, that she was trying to keep out of the office.

She later served as a witness in a statutory rape case involving the 13-year-old mother and the 18-year-old father.

"An 18-year-old has no place here," said Smalley, of the Albany Teen Center, having learned from experience. "You run the risk of him deciding he wants to be with a 14-year-old," she said.

Since her arrival in March, a sign has been posted at the Albany Teen Center restricting youths 18-years and older.

Actually, the Teen Center was always intended for 17-year-olds, but the policy wasn't formalized until recently, said Bill Jones, Albany's Director of Recreation and Community Services.

The Teen Center, located next to the Albany Middle School on Buchanan Street, opened in May 1993 and grew out a study by the Albany Youth Task Force on gangs, said Jones.

"They decided maybe there wasn't a gang problem here, but that Albany needed a youth center," because at-risk kids hanging out on the streets, he said. Jones recognized that the Teen Center hasn't always had a good image. In fact, 10 days into Smalley's new job, a Friday night jam session got out of hand.

The session normally featured one band of local kids and 10 to 20 friends, but that night unknown persons showed up with a radio station and a San Francisco nightclub listing advertised the free event.

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Teen Center Coordinator Leah Smalley, left, works with 6th grader Erin Holland.

Chester King Vega

Albany committee to study election reforms

By Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — A 10-person advisory committee was created by city council Monday night to explore campaign reform ideas.

The new committee is expected to investigate a variety of issues including limits on campaign contributions, reporting of contributions, an extended voting period, and a city-sponsored mailer profiling candidates and issues.

City Attorney Robert Zweben reported on regulations concerning campaign financing at the Feb. 21 council meeting. In response to council questions at that meeting, he reported back Monday night on the feasibility of three more ideas: long-term voting, cumulative voting, and a city-sponsored mailer.

He also urged council members to create an advisory committee to "cull through the information."

"There are so many different ways to approach the issues you're talking about," he told them.

One of the proposed reforms, long-term voting, allows residents to vote during a week or more preceding election day. This is currently available at the Alameda County Court House and council members are interested in creating a similar voting system at Albany's City Hall. The county would allow Albany to offer long-term voting, provided Albany covers the costs, said Zweben. City Administrator Daren Fields said the costs to the city would probably be small.

Mayor Mike Brodsky supported long-term voting, saying

that it may be easier and more convenient for voters than receiving and mailing the absentee ballot.

"You don't have to worry about some emergency on voting day spoiling your plans (to vote)," said Brodsky.

At the February meeting, Councilmember Bruce Mast supported long-term voting as a means of diluting the impact of last-minute negative campaigning. Mast said the idea was proposed by Planning and Zoning Commissioner Michael Feiner in a memo to the council last fall.

Another reform idea, proposed by Mast at the February meeting, is exploring several options for proportional representation, including cumulative voting, which Mast said is used by many other democratic societies.

Under a cumulative voting system, if three council seats are open, the voter can cast all three votes for just one candidate, or divide them among two candidates, instead of having to vote for three different candidates.

City Attorney Zweben reported that cumulative voting is probably not legal now, but that a group called Citizens for Proportional Representation is looking into a state constitutional revision to allow several alternative electoral systems. The president of the group, Jim Lindsay of Albany, said that cumulative voting is not illegal, it's just a "gray area."

Brodsky, however, said that this proposal would have to "go on a back burner" for Albany.

The suggestion for a city-sponsored

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Mayors meet to discuss creeks

By Dawn Frasier

The mayors of El Cerrito, Albany, Richmond and Berkeley, along with a representative from the Kensington Community Services board and various staff members from the participating cities met for the second time Monday to discuss mutual concerns about creek preservation and restoration.

According to Mayor Norman LaForce an invitation issued by Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky came as the result of a discussion between LaForce and Brodsky over mutual creek issues.

"Mike Brodsky and I had talked for a while about what to do with

our creeks, and particularly what to do with Cerrito Creek," he said. Cerrito Creek serves as a border between the two cities. "I shared with him some of the ideas we had for improving it as a creek and how we felt it could contribute to the aesthetic aspect of El Cerrito Plaza. He indicated that he also had some ideas for Cerrito Creek."

As a result of the discussion, he said, an initial get-together of local mayors was initiated to see how creek improvement efforts might be coordinated and what might be the focus of any joint attention to the issue.

"When we got together, people

identified other creek systems they felt should be a part of this and asked how we could coordinate efforts," he said.

After a March 20 meeting, the mayors generally agreed that common efforts on creek improvements was a good idea, especially those that flow along jurisdictional boundaries, such as Codornices which flows along part of the Albany/Berkeley border and Baxter Creek between El Cerrito and Richmond.

Cerrito Creek itself originates in Kensington, passes through north Berkeley, flows down between Albany and El Cerrito and discharges

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Bunny business

Hundreds of children of all ages, including the 1 to 3 year olds above, flocked to Arlington Park in El Cerrito Saturday for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event was made possible by donations from area businesses, the city and fire department and was well appreciated by all in attendance.

Funding for BART parking remains intact

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A planned parking structure and mixed use development project at the El Cerrito Plaza BART station is making sufficient progress to have satisfied the Projects and Programs Committee of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA).

The committee met April 10 to consider nine projects which appear "to be having some difficulty in maintaining schedule" and determine if any should be dropped from the CCTA's Strategic Plan, since there are more projects seeking funding than there are funds available.

The "El Cerrito Urban Village" planned for the site bordered by Fairmont and Central avenues, Liberty Street and the BART station was among them. (The

'The committee is taking a more diligent approach in keeping track of projects.'

—REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MANAGER
GERRY RAYCRAFT

project is a mix of parking, housing and retail space.)

It is the funding for the parking structure portion of the project that is currently included in the Strategic Plan. The structure is proposed to include replacement parking for BART stations (who will lose the current lot when the site is developed), parking for development residents and additional parking.

Staff suggested that the CCTA consider an alternative plan by which the parking structure portion of the project would proceed immediately to be followed later by the mixed use project, which is being adjusted as a result of a recent neighborhood meeting.

The committee, however, said that such a decision would not occur unless the city desired it, since the city council has some concerns about splitting the project in that way.

The committee only dropped one of the nine projects from its funding plan. The committee will review the progress of each project, including the BART village, within the next 60 to 90 days to ensure that progress is continuing. The CCTA will not make its final decision on the Strategic Plan for 1995 until after that time. (The plan is updated every two years.)

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Newsline

Plaza walk planned

EL CERRITO — Sustainable El Cerrito, the Greenbelt Alliance, Urban Ecology and the Sierra Club are sponsoring a public walking tour and discussion entitled, "Re-envisioning El Cerrito Plaza," Saturday, April 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The event is free.

The walking tour and discussion will explore several possibilities for the future of the Plaza and a number of issues that have been raised in the community. Those include the possibilities for establishing a "real sense of community" at the Plaza, pedestrian-friendly and bike-friendly development of the Plaza and the BART station, restoration of Cerrito Creek and involvement of local citizens in Plaza development planning.

RSVP by leaving a message at 234-6936, or call for further information. Arrive early; the tour will begin at the bike racks of the El Cerrito BART station. It will end with an interactive presentation in the second floor meeting room of the Emporium.

No tolls for county

EL CERRITO — City Councilmember Cathie Kosel, who chairs the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority, reported to the city council recently that West County seems to have "lost the round" in the issue of collecting tolls southbound on the Carquinez Bridge from Solano County.

"Ramp metering is the next round," said Kosel.

In its work on I-80 expansion, Caltrans is at the same time installing the infrastructure for ramps at entrances all along the freeway in order to avoid tearing up the area again should the use of the meters at some point be approved.

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Remembering When

By William Paul

Trials and adventures of life without bridges

How quickly we forget. Why, it was only 70 short years ago that there were no bridges across San Francisco, San Pablo or Suisun bays that would accommodate an automobile. So if you want to learn how to get your Marmion, or Rockne, or Erskine from the East Bay to San Francisco, or maybe Sacramento or Santa Rosa, you'll have to trust my memory of how things were back then.

Getting to S.F. was easy — you could drive around the bay via San Jose. If you could find it on a map you could save a few miles by taking a short-cut through Alviso, but you would be wise to take along some food and blankets in case you had to sleep in your car if you got lost. "Twam't easy."

Probably it would be better to drive down to the foot of Broadway, where Jack London Square is now, and take what was called the Creek Route — a car ferry that ran from there down the estuary, to a landing just south of the Ferry Building. Cost about 65 cents. Some commuters used it without their autos, cost 5 cents a ticket, during the Depression.

Then I forget the exact dates, but for a while you could get to S.F. by taking the Berkeley ferry. That ran from the foot of University Avenue out what is now the Fishing Pier (which was maybe half again as long as the present pier) and landing near the foot of Van Ness Avenue.

For some reason that venture

didn't last long — possibly because you drove about a third of the way across the bay on that pier, then landed a long distance from anything important at the other end.

Best bet — the Creek Route. You could usually find a place to park in S.F. then.

So... you want to take your Moon to Santa Rosa? Drive out to within maybe 200 yards of where the east end of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge now is, get on a ferry, get off about 100 yards from the west end of the bridge. Fare about 65 cents. Some of the ferries charged a standard fare for the auto, then a nickel per passenger in the car — I don't remember which ones did.

For some years before the "R-SR" Bridge was built, I heard a number of people say what a gold mine that Red Rock Island would be when someone built the bridge — they could use it as one anchorage. To this day, every time I use the bridge I look over and sort of feel sorry for the island — it looks forlorn and useless because the bridge designers didn't even consider it in the plans. Nasty old designers.

I had one memorable trip across on that ferry; I had driven a horse trailer up to St. Helena, picked up my employer's horse, and driven back. By the time of the second crossing, the wind had picked up and the bay was getting a bit rough. The horse didn't like that, and showed its dislike by

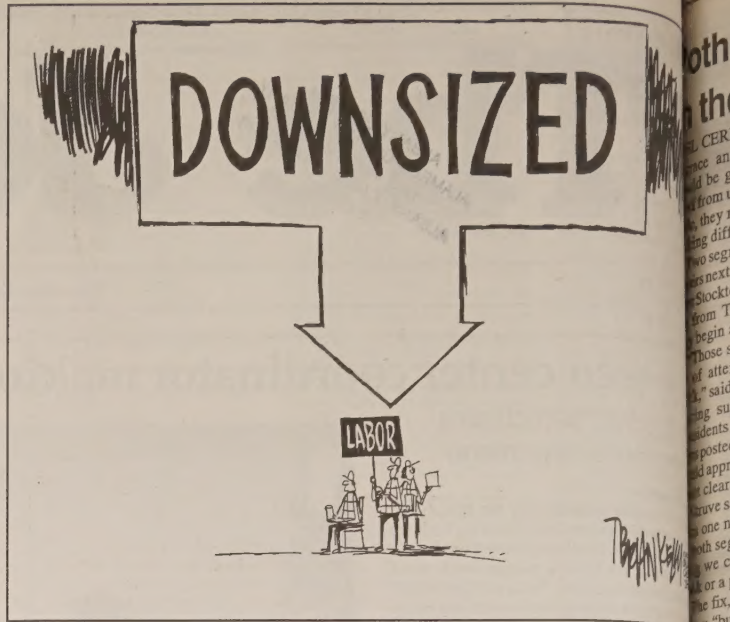
starting to kick out the back door of the trailer. Needless to say, I was delighted to make that landing.

Now, in case you wanted to go to Sacramento you had your choice, over a period of time, of several ferries: One, called the Rodeo-Vallejo Ferry, which, strangely enough, went from one of those towns to the other. Another was called the Martinez-Benicia Ferry, and guess where it ran.

One — and I can't remember where it ran — was called the "Six-Minute Ferry" because it only took six minutes to cross one of the bays. It differed from the others by not having a snack bar — it would have taken six minutes for the coffee to cool before you could have drunk it. They were smart operators.

Yes, the bridges are a big help in getting you there and back much faster, but the boat rides were sort of fun and, especially on the return trip, rather relaxing toward the end of a hard day's driving. The cars made back in the '20s didn't do most of the driving for you, helping you steer, shift gears, run up the windows and move the seats around.

It was sort of nice to let the pilot on the boat do the driving for you for a while, even if it took a four-hour wait in a seven-block lineup before your turn came to get aboard the boat. That happened on three-day weekends sometimes.



cooperatively and privately. Private outdoor space for each unit is a necessity even if limited.

Sophisticated recreational amenities probably neither would fit nor be justified by affordable housing standards. Still a pool area as a focus of residents' ability to evolve communication and cooperation as a neighborhood within the larger neighborhood might be desirable. Certainly common meeting and entertainment space would encourage and support voluntary interaction and community responsibility.

F. Ingress and egress from the parking levels will be difficult to

secure properly and the fewer control points the better. The ability to control pedestrian access to the residential block above is essential.

Another design consideration for the parking structure should be the potential for a daytime use in the future. It is conceivable that as adjacent properties are redeveloped adjustments in the amount and location of commercial use in this project may be necessary. The parking garage should have level floors and sloped ramps to accommodate such adaptive use. Also floor to floor heights and ceiling clearance should be considered.

The "transit village" concept by

nature describes a radius of one mile from the center where highly accessible by public transit, bikes and local bus transit. The plans for transit multiple use at El Cerrito itself should be carefully considered to assure success.

Clearly from the transit neighbor's point of view, it is to be some trade-offs in certain amenities and the life in the immediate neighborhood. With densification some open space should be provided in the context of this neighborhood would be classified as high density. See LETTER

Letters to the Editor

Designing a transit village

Editor:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed "Transit Village" at the El Cerrito Plaza BART station to give these more detailed comments.

First, I believe the "Public workshop" Process is essential en route to any major project proposed in any community. Local residents' opinion will always be diverse, and it is only through considerable effort by the project proponents that a clear and detailed understanding of the nature of a proposal and its impacts can be understood early in the process. The only "deals done" should be done at the public's blessing and in full public view with the fullest participation possible. This will result in a project that is supported by a clear majority or perhaps no project at all, but always a project that has been well thought out in all its details large and small.

Understanding the proposal also might involve attention to these points:

1. The presentation of the "need" for this project should progress from the "general" to the "specific." Each would identify the needs of the region, the city, the neighborhood, and finally potential project residents and users.
2. The "functional relationships" at each scale of need should be clearly analyzed and understood.
3. How the "functional relationships" interact between scales of need should be understood.
4. Locational analysis based on these "functional needs" will best describe "where" things should be. Examples:
 - A. The need to commute to "place of employment" is a basic function. This location could

function well for those in the income range of affordable housing and who can access their workplace by rail. However, if those families or individuals also had children, this location would not be as desirable. Why, because children have their own needs that conflict with living over a three story parking garage next to a BART station. Outdoor space and recreational needs of children and separation from the high number of transient (out of the neighborhood) individuals also using this BART station to access work. Therefore, the overall context of the "neighborhood" within which the BART Station exists must be modeled to minimize conflicts between residents' lifestyles and those who commute by auto to BART to work. Young children (1 to 3) might inhabit this project by young families and will potentially require daycare and a minimum of outdoor play area. And children between 3 and 18 would not thrive living in this project context.

B. "Commuting to place of employment" is not a major functional need of retired individuals and the elderly. The fact that their auto usage is less and the housing is affordable are major functional aspects of their lives. They need easy access to convenience shopping and appropriate recreation and community functions. Therefore, it would make more sense for the retired and elderly to be provided affordable housing close to a "village center" but not a rail "transit village" which better serves "low-income employment transit" needs. Why waste the opportunity of the location by orienting toward people who actually don't need it and would be happier in a quieter pedestrian oriented village not a "transit village?"

C. Working couples and

individuals without children are ideal potential residents of housing at this location. Still, the population meeting these functions might easily not "need" affordable housing, but would prefer the location for its "urban village" context, assuming certain appropriate amenities are close at hand. To focus strictly on low income for a large residential block has clear dangers historically. Instead the focus is not on income but on employment and commute need. This is great "starter housing" for young adults and couples. They can conserve their income, take advantage of tax breaks from interest payments, and profit from some increase in property values. Then after 3 to 5 years and a first child, they sell and move up to obtain the greater degree of separation from a "transit village" that children need.

D. Looking at the project specifics it would be best to move the residential units facing the BART line further back from it. Noise and visual distraction is a major concern here. Potentially the units facing the BART Station could be professional offices above. Moving the building line back would also create a more significant commons for the station where ground level commercial makes more sense as people get off or on trains and can stop for coffee, a meal or convenience and necessity shopping on the way into or out of the parking structure. This also places ground level commercial activity in view of BART patrons and the parking structure, thereby substantially increasing the safety and security functions of all patrons and residents.

E. Residential Block interior court space should not be "over designed" leaving little space for residents to "evolve" their own utilization of the space both

Police Reports

Hi Tech Stereo robbery suspect arrested

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Hi Tech Stereo was burglarized at 5:20 a.m. April 10. A Berkeley man is suspected of cutting a hole in the roof, then fleeing when the alarm sounded. He has been arrested. Damage to the roof is estimated at \$800; no loss was reported.

Subway was burglarized during the night of March 31. Someone entered an unlocked door, then took cash from the safe and register.

A strong arm robbery was reported on the BART path near Gladys Avenue. A juvenile suspect, described as a white male of about 14 to 16 years of age, pushed an El Cerrito boy off his bike at about 7:30 p.m. March 28, then rode off on the bike southbound.

Two Oakland men were arrested in connection with a robbery at gunpoint at the Bank of the West on April 10 at 11:46 a.m. They were arrested in Berkeley.

An assault with a deadly weapon

was reported in the 10600 block of San Pablo Avenue at 1:30 p.m. April 7. The suspect is described as a white male, about 35 years old, six feet tall and 180 pounds with blond hair. He attempted to hit the victim with the vehicle he was driving.

An El Cerrito man was arrested in the 1300 block of Liberty at 10:25 p.m. April 6 for using force on an Alameda resident; the suspect alleged that the Alameda resident had struck him.

A 1977 BMW was reported stolen from San Pablo Avenue north of Manila between April 1 and 7.

A resident of the 7600 block of Stockton reported the theft of cash from a closet during February or March.

A bike was taken from in front of an apartment in the 500 block of Kearney Street during the night of March 31.

Someone pried open a pickup door in the 2500 block of Tulare during the night of April 5, then took electronic and miscellaneous

items from the cab.

A camera was taken from a vehicle in the 8300 block of Drive during the night of April 7.

An empty garbage can was taken from a residential area in the 5300 block of Pointe during the night of Feb. 6.

Someone threw a parked vehicle in the 5600 Jordan Avenue between 12 and 12:30 a.m. April 8.

Someone deflated all of a vehicle parked in block of Donal Avenue during the night of April 1 and possibly on the hood.

A Portland man was arrested in the Emporium April 12 in connection with two outstanding warrants from Oregon.

Shoplifters were arrested in the 4300 block of El Cerrito Plaza (Alameda man), at FoodCo (Alameda man) and a Richmond juvenile), and at Target (Alameda man), a Richmond man, a Richmond man and an El Cerrito male juve-

Multiple car break-ins on Pierce Street

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — Between April 7 and April 9, on the 500 block of Pierce Street, thieves stole a 1969 Chevy Camaro. There were no witnesses. During the same time frame on the same block thieves broke into a black 1995 BMW, performed a messy prow, stole a portable cellular phone and departed unseen; thieves broke into a blue 1993 Honda Civic, stole the stereo and departed unseen, thieves broke into a gold 1987 Nissan Pulsar, stole the in-dash stereo and departed unseen.

Between 2 p.m. on April 8 and 6:20 p.m. on April 9 thieves entered a parking garage on the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue, entered a camper shell on a pick-up truck and stole various tools. There were no witnesses.

A man from Geyserville, Ca. parked his white 1995 Toyota pick-up in front of a business on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue just after midnight on April 10 and left the keys in the car and the engine running while he went into the business. A woman described as black, about 17 years old, 5-feet to 5-feet 4-inches tall, weighing 100 to 110 pounds, with a tattoo on her right hand and wearing pink pants was observed entering the car and driving it away, going north. Police are investigating. On the evening of April 15 Richmond police reported finding the Toyota pick-up. The vehicle had not been stripped or burned and there was no one in custody. The owner was notified.

At about 1:30 a.m. on April 10 a Richmond man was stopped at Buchanan and Jackson streets and was found to have a warrant from Contra Costa County in the amount of \$500,000 for narcotics charges. He was arrested and his vehicle was towed.

A 1990 Toyota pick-up, previously reported stolen, was found in Oakland on April 8. The thieves had performed a major strip; one of the plates was missing. Police are continuing to investigate.

At about 10:30 p.m. on April 11 a witness reported that he saw a white woman in her early 20 s, about 6-feet tall, weighing 170 pounds, with short brown hair, wearing dark clothing and walking with a limp, walk north on Ventura Avenue then sit on the front steps of a residence for a short time. She then walked up the driveway, stole a silver 18-speed mountain bike and fled the area. She was last seen in the area of Marin and Santa Fe avenues. Police are investigating.

At about 1 a.m. on April 13 Albany officers observed an El Cerrito man moving objects by the trunk and passenger area of a 1990 Toyota Camre which had been reported stolen from El Cerrito on April 10. Upon returning to the vehicle the subjects and a passenger were gone. They were later contacted by El Cerrito Plaza security and arrested.

On the evening of April 14 a woman on the 600 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that while she was away from her home, thieves cut

the screen on a window and entered the house. They then stole a messy prow, stole several items including a ring of keys and departed unseen.

At about noon on April 12 Albany officers responded to a call on the 900 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a disturbance. A witness revealed that she had seen warrants from Alameda County in the amount of \$7,500 for driving without a license and run, and petty theft. She arrested and her car was towed.

At about 3:45 a.m. on April 12 a Richmond man was stopped for a vehicle code violation on the 1100 block of Solano Avenue. He was arrested and warrants from San Francisco and Berkeley in the amount of \$9,099. He was arrested and his vehicle was towed.

On the morning of April 13 a man on the 900 block of Solano Avenue discovered that his car was missing, while he was asleep. He entered his house through a locked bathroom window and found his wallet from his pants pocket, TV and VCR and departed the back door. There were no witnesses.

During the week of April 13 Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request, cars, responded to 18 false alarms, attended to six deceased animals, assisted five people who were locked out of their homes and responded to one barking dog.

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Pothole relief the works

EL CERRITO — Residents of Terrace and Stockton avenues will be getting some imminent relief from uneven street paving. In the next few days, they may have a few days of riding difficulties.

Two segments are scheduled for next week: Terrace Avenue, from Stockton to Mooser, and Stockton from Terrace to Balra. Work will begin as early as April 24.

Those sections will be given a lot of attention for paving next week, said maintenance and engineering supervisor Mori Struve. Residents will see "no parking" signs posted all along the street. We appreciate them keeping the clear of parked vehicles."

Struve said work crews will "go to the neighborhood to another neighborhood, patching every pothole we can find in the way of a pothole."

The fix, he said, would be temporary "but permanent enough to last until we figure out exactly how to do with the street for permanent repair."



Recycled art

Jordan Kirby models the chair above created by Mona Lea's fifth grade class at Prospect School in El Cerrito. It was made from milk cartons, newspaper mache, old bulletin board paper and paper about to be tossed out by a printer and will be entered in the Junk Art contest at the city's Earth Day celebration Saturday at the Community Center.

Albany to seek bike path funds

By Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — The city rolled one step closer to a comprehensive bike plan when the city council approved a resolution Monday authorizing an application for a \$10,000 grant to identify and improve safe bikeways in Albany.

Bike plans include adding biking lanes to city streets, making sure Albany bike routes connect with routes in adjacent cities, and working with the buses and BART to allow bike parking and possibly bringing bikes on public transportation, said Albany City Administrator Daren Fields.

Plans could also include other non-street bike paths, such as the one under the BART tracks, he said.

A response from the grant agency, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, is expected by July 1, he said.

Fields credited Councilmember Bruce Mast for initiating the grant application and said Albany resident Susie Sanderson, a transportation planner, helped with the grant application.

Mast said the bike lanes would not eliminate street parking, in response to a question from Councilmember Elizabeth Baker.

The lanes would have to be wide enough to accommodate parked cars and bikes, with room for car doors to open, he said.

An extra bonus, he told council, is that the bike lanes would narrow car lanes, forcing traffic to slow down.

An unofficial bike committee in Albany is already working towards the bike plan and has put together a

list of suggested bike routes for "Bike-to-Work Day" on May 4, said Mast. Bike-to-Work Day will feature breakfast pit stops with coffee and pastries at the corner of Solano and Kains avenues, as well as at Solano Avenue Cyclery, and possibly at Eighth Street Cafe in University Village.

The pit stops will also offer gifts and prizes.

The YMCA and Community Center may provide shower facilities to bikers that day, said Mast.

The suggested bike routes include north-south routes such as:

- Key Route Boulevard, under the BART tracks and Pomona Avenue, and an east-west route:

- Up Monroe Avenue in University Village, to Dartmouth Street, to Santa Fe Avenue, to Sonoma Avenue.

Obituary

Patricia Flavin Brazil

Patricia Flavin Brazil passed away in Albany on April 16.

She was the loving mother of Brazil of El Sobrante and Greg Brazil of Albany, mother-in-law of Janey Brazil; devoted

grandmother of Jeremiah, Joshua, Michelle and Shannon Brazil; sister of Lorraine O'Leary of Richmond and Robert Flavin of Arkansas.

Brazil was a native of Colorado. She was a long-time volunteer for the American Cancer Society and

the Albany Senior Center.

Friends are invited to attend memorial services today, April 20, at 3 p.m. at Ellis-Olson Mortuary, at 727 San Pablo Avenue.

Contributions in her memory to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

El Cerrito Discovery Shop leaving town

EL CERRITO — After almost 20 years, the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop at 10313 San Pablo Ave. is moving to a new location in the John Muir Center in Martinez at 536 Center Ave.

The El Cerrito shop will close on April 28 to allow time for the move and the grand opening in Martinez sometime around May 12 or 15. Meantime, all merchandise is selling at one-half of the listed price, with further reductions expected before the end of the month. Additional items will continue to be brought to the floor daily during the sale.

Some of the Discovery Shop volunteers have been serving for 15 years, and they will miss the associations with friends they have made there. They will especially miss the contact with the customers they have come to know.

Manager Anna Breslin, on behalf of all the workers, expresses appreciation to all those who have loyally supported this American Cancer Society enterprise with donations and purchases, and she hopes she and the volunteers may greet them personally in the next week. The volunteers, without whom there could be no Discovery Shop, will be honored at a final social gathering at the close of business.

Breslin looks forward to welcoming any volunteers, donors or customers who visit the new shop in Martinez. Watch for an announcement of the grand opening.

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Health Talk

Cancer and Your Diet

By Eddie Cheung, MD

There's good news and bad news about your diet and cancer risk. The bad news is that a growing body of evidence demonstrates that the typical high-fat, low-fiber American diet, a diet heavy on burgers, fries and processed foods but light on the grains and vegetables, is implicated in a variety of cancers. The good news is that each of us can reduce the risk of cancer through prudent eating. Here are a few things to think about:

Cut fats in your diet: We've long known that a high-fat diet increases the risk of heart attack and stroke. And now a number of studies are demonstrating that such a diet also contributes to an increased risk of breast and colon cancer. For example, studies of diet and breast cancer across more than 40 countries have all shown the same stark fact—in societies where women have high dietary fat intakes, the risk of breast cancer goes up. Thus the incidence of breast cancer is significantly lower among Japanese women, for example, compared with women in the U.S. When Japanese women move to the U.S. and begin to adopt an American diet, however, their risk gradually rises.

Even small changes in your diet to reduce fats will make a big difference in your cancer risk. Switch from whole to non-fat milk and leave your morning toast un buttered, for example. Choose baked potatoes over French fries and substitute skinless chicken breasts or fish for steak and hamburger.

Eat more high-fiber foods: A high-fat diet is typically a low-fiber diet as well, and lack of dietary fiber is also implicated in an increased risk of colon cancer. Fiber or "roughage," is found in all foods we get from plants, but processing and refining can remove much of that valuable fiber. For example, when wheat is milled to produce white flour, much of the fiber is removed. The typical American con-

sumes only 11 grams of fiber each day, about a third of what health experts say they should. To get more fiber, choose whole-grain bread, cereal and pasta; eat plenty of fruits and vegetables. Fiber protects from colon cancer by drawing water in the bowels and by speeding the "transit time" through the intestines. This dilutes potentially harmful substances in the bowel contents and reduces the time they're in contact with the colon walls. Also, high fiber fruits and vegetables are rich with cancer-fighting nutrients such as vitamin C and beta carotene, which appear to reduce the risk of at least some types of cancer.

Preservatives and stomach cancer: Many processed and preserved foods contain nitrates. Nitrates are added to those foods as preservatives, and nitrite-like chemicals occur naturally in some foods that go through fermentation. All of these chemicals have been linked to an increased risk of stomach cancer. Thanks to refrigeration and reduced use of nitrates, there has been a big drop in the risk of stomach cancer in this country in the past 50 years. But many foods like bacon and ham still contain nitrates. So do pickles and other pickled vegetables. To cut your risk, read ingredients labels when buying processed foods, and opt for fresh foods as much as possible.

Join us for a health lecture, "What You Should Know About Stomach Cancer" through Summit Health Access.

WHO: Dr. Eddie Cheung, a gastroenterologist on the staff at Summit Medical Center in Oakland.
WHEN: April 25 at 1:30 p.m.
WHERE: The Health Education Center, 400 Hawthorne Avenue.
If you'd like more information about his lecture, or about diet and your cancer risk, please call Summit Health Access at (510) 869-6737.



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Performances

Actor's Ensemble: of Berkeley presents "Lady in the Dark," a musical by Kurt Weill, Ira Gershwin and Moss Hart, directed by Andrea Pruseau; through May 6; Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck, Berkeley. 528-5620.

Ashkenazi: April 20, 9 p.m.: Gumbo Band; April 21, 9:30 p.m.: Pele Juju, World Beat; April 22, 9:30 p.m.: Som Brazil, floorshow by Aguarale; April 23, 3 - 5 p.m.: spoken word and music; 7 p.m.: Benefit for Maurice McKinnies; April 25, 9 p.m.: Cajun Bandits; April 26, 9 p.m.: Johnny Nocturne; April 27, 8:30 p.m.: Brian Terry & The Zydeco Travelers; 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Bay Area Puppet Playhouse: April 28-29, 7 p.m.: "The Metamorphosis of Karaghoz," a 500-year-old Greek folk story performed by Greek Shadow Master Leonidas Kassapiadis. 2353 C San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 644-0715.

Berkeley Community Chorus and Orchestra: Invites singers who have sung Bach's "B Minor Mass" to perform June 11. Five rehearsals begin May 16; tuition \$50. 525-5393.

Berkeley Liberation Theatre: April 23, 24, 30 and May 1, 7:30 p.m.: Berkeley High School students present an audience-interactive performance about conflict with authority figures. La Val's Subterranean Theatre; 1834 Euclid St., Berkeley.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre: "A Moon for the Misbegotten," Tues. through Sat. performances, matinees at 2 p.m., Sat. and Thurs. Until May 19, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 845-4700.

The Blind Boys of Alabama: April 23, 7:30 p.m.: featuring Clarence Fountain; St. John's Presbyterian Church; 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 548-1761.

The Buddy Club: April 23, 11:00 p.m.: Singer Gary Lapow; El Cerrito Community Center; 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito.

The Fantastics: Through May 27: The longest-running musical in the world. Music by Harvey Schmidt, directed by Linda Bauman; Fri and Sat performances at 8 p.m.; Sun matinees at 2 p.m.; Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito 524-9132.

Hertz Hall: April 26, noon: New music from the graduate composition seminar of Prof. Cindy Cox; 8 p.m.: Chamber Music from Vienna and Esterhazy, presented by the Bay Area Eighteenth Century studies group and UC Berkeley; free; On campus near College Ave. and Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 642-9988.

The Incest Project: April 28, 29, 8 p.m.; April 30, 2 p.m.: Dance, drums, rainsticks and the spoken word to "break the silence of incest"; by Mary H. Webb; April 28 interpreted for deaf audience members; The Julia Morgan Theatre, College Ave. at Derby, Berkeley. Advance tickets at Mama Bears, Oakland, or 548-6476.

Kimball's east: Through April 23; 10 p.m. Regina Belle; Shellmound St., Emeryville. 658-2555.

La Peña Cultural Center: April 20, 7 p.m.: R & B Explosion, by D.W.B. Productions; April 21, 8 p.m.: South American repertoire; April 22, Ivo's Diaspora Cabaret, music from Bosnia and the Balkans; April 23, 8 p.m.: Cuban Dance & Son-Changui with ensemble Judith Justiz and Raices Afrocaribanas; April 26 benefit for a new medical clinic in India: Hear Fran Peavy, who has been working to clean the Ganges River for 12 years; Saturday Morning Children's Players, 10:30 a.m.; 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568, ext. 15.

MusicSources: April 23, 5 p.m.: Harpsichordist Elaine Thornburgh, performing sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti; 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. 528-1685.

Poetry at Cody's: April 23, 3 p.m.: A reading for the anthology *Unsettling America*, with Diane Di Prima, Chitra Divakaruni, Janice Mirikitani and Maria Mazzio Gillan; April 26, 7:30 p.m.: Ivan Arguelles and Doraine Poretz; \$2.00 donation; 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 525-5476.

Simply Heavenly! April 20 - May 27, Thurs and Fridays at 8 p.m.; Sats at 2:30 and 8 p.m.: Book and lyrics by Langston Hughes, music by Ramon Bowden and Lanier Pruitt, directed by Mel Stewart, presented by the Black Repertory Group; 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley.

Shotgun Players: Through May 6, dinner seating 8 p.m.: Marlowe's "The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus." Directed by Patrick Dooley; La Val's Subterranean Theatre. 1834 Euclid Ave. at Hearst, Berkeley. 845-6624.

Starry Plough: April 20, Package, Plastic Sun Sensitive Locksmith; April 21, Her Majesty The Baby, Monica Pasqual, Plain Folk Band; April 22, Paddlefoot, El Sob Train; April 23, 510 Magazine and KALX present The Monarchs; The Claddagh Band; April 26, Darts; April 27, Naked Barbies; Tuesdays, Traditional Irish Music/Lessons; Wednesdays, Cabaret/Open Mike, 7:30 p.m. Music starts Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Student Pianists: Take to the Road: April 23 - 28: Eleven teenagers from the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts will tour west coast; April 25: The Crowden School in Berkeley. (213) 936-1447

Westwind's American Pie: April 21, 8 p.m.; April 22, 2 and 8 p.m.; April 23, 2 p.m.: A slice of rarely seen American music and dance for the entire family; Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Call 444-8575 or BASS.

Religious Activities

Berkeley Hill: April 24 - May 3: "Holocaust Remembrance Week"; April 24, 7 p.m.: "Weapons of the Spirit" film by Pierre Sauvage; April 25, 7 p.m. film is at Trinity Methodist; April 27, 6:30 p.m. at Westminster House; April 24, 7 p.m. "Questions That Plague the Soul", a talk with Father Michel McGarry, Newman Hall, April 26 - 27: Holocaust Memorial Day Vigil at Sproul Plaza: 24-hour study vigils; Every week: Friday nights, 5:30 p.m.; "Sing-a-long"; Sundays, 7 p.m.: Israel Action Committee Meetings; Mondays, 7 p.m.: meditation; Wednesdays, 4 p.m.: De-Cal Class: Zionism. 2736 Bancroft Way. 845-7793.

First Unitarian Church: of Berkeley: April 23, 9:30 a.m. David Cooper, Jewish Scholar, on "Judaism for Rationalists"; Sunday Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; One Lawson Rd, Kensington; 525-9631.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church: April 23, Courtney Shucker, seminarian, preaches from John 20; Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m.; Adult Bible study at 9 a.m.; child care and Sunday School at 10 a.m.; 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716

The 5:45: Evening worship service with contemporary Christian praise music, conversation and refreshment. Every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. 848-6252.

Temple Beth Hillel: April 23, 10:30 a.m.: Lina Walther, UAH Director of Outreach, will speak on interfaith family issues; 801 Park Central, Richmond at Hilltop exit; 223-2560.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

Berkeley Earth Day: April 22, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: celebrate the 25th anniversary in Martin Luther King Park, Allston and MLK Jr. Way; Eco-Motion Parade at 11 a.m.; volunteers needed. 548-7377.

Berkeley Hiking Club: April 23, 8:30 a.m.: Tamalpais Thingumabob, 415-388-7896; 9 a.m.: Minihike, Tomales Bay,

841-1608.

Birthdays: April 22, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Crash Refresher; 869-2797.

Black Oak Books: April 21, Henry Louis Gates, *Colored People: A Memoir*; April 23, Lynn Stegner, *Fata Morgana*; April 26, Carol Shields, *The Stone Diaries*; April 27, Chana and Ariel Bloch, *The Song of Songs*. All events at 7:30 p.m.

Cody's Books: April 23, Tom Engelhardt, *The End of Victory Culture: Cold War America and the Disillusioning of a Generation*; April 24, George George Konrad, *The Melancholy of Rebirth: Essays from Post-Communist Central Europe 1989-1994*; April 25, Victor Perera, *The Cross and the Pear Tree: A Sephardic Journey*; All events at 7:30 p.m.

Clean Up Day: West Berkeley commercial district; April 22, 8:30 - 12:30 p.m.; meet at Smart & Final parking lot, 1941 San Pablo/University; Free T-shirts and refreshments. 644-6309

Contra Costa Hills Club: April 22: Luncheon-banquet to celebrate 75th anniversary of the club's founding at Shenanigans Restaurant in Jack London Village; call 524-7803; April 27, 10 a.m.: Uphill-and-Down Trail Hike at Hayward; free; bring lunch and beverage; 582-2065.

Gala Bookstore: April 21, Peter Menzel's *Material World: A Global Family Portrait* and Earth Day slide show; April 21, Theodore Roszak, "Frankenstein, Feminism & The Fate of the Earth", a benefit for the Oakland Library; April 24, Carmen Renee Berry, *Your Body Never Lies: Transforming Your Life Through Trusting Your Body*; April 27, Linda Ojeda, *Menopause Without Medicine*; All events at 7:30 p.m.

Kensington Senior Center: April 27, 11 - noon: Eleanor Wharton continues her Great Books discussion with *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne;

New Pieces: April 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Crazy Story Quilt class; April 23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Marbled Pieces of fabric; April 24 - May 8, 7 - 10 p.m.: Valentina's Quilt wall hanging; April 26 and May 3, 7 - 10 p.m.: Bow Tie pattern.

North Berkeley Senior Center: April 20, 11:15 a.m.: "Services of the Over 60 Clinic" with Mary Pinella; April 21, 1 p.m.: video opera *Die Walkure* Part II; April 24, 1 p.m. video *Celebrating Haydn*; April 25, 11 a.m.: "Respiratory System" with P. Karnik; April 26, 1 p.m.: "Ever Young Musicians", with senior musicians and singers; April 27, 1 p.m.: video movie *Nuts*; Upcoming Events: May 1, South Shore Tahoe Turnaround Trip; May 17, Sacramento Senior Rally at the Capitol; May 26, Amtrak to Sacramento Jazz Jubilee and Parade; 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way; Berkeley. 644-6107

REI: April 27, 7 p.m.: Hiking and Climbing in the French and Swiss Alps; slide show with Sierra Club trip leader

Mark Taylor.

Turning Point Career Center: April 25, 12 - 1 p.m.: "A Career as an Attorney" with Leslie Landau, McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen. YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370

UAM/PFA: April 23, 3 p.m.: Tapa Cloth artists Nathalie Rarama and Franklin Seri will discuss the techniques, uses and meaning of tapa paintings of the Maisin people of Papua New Guinea.

Vista: April 21 and 22; 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. "Dynamics of Selling Travel" two day workshop for travel professionals and entry-level staff; 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley. 841-8860, Ext. 213

City Commons Club: April 21: Luncheon 11:45 - 12:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m. program: "Bay Ridge Trail and Great Hikes in the East Bay" with Steve Fiala, from the East Bay Regional Park District. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 848-3533 or 845-4725.

Earth Day Strawberry Creek Cleanup: April 23, noon - 4 p.m.; East Bay Citizens for Creek Restoration; 527-8652.

Evolution of Quiltmaking: April 24, 7:30 p.m.: Marilyn Henion will discuss her quiltmaking history and recent travels to Russia; First Unitarian Church, One Lawson Rd, Kensington; 527-7732.

Better Communication: April 26, 7 p.m.: Strategies for improving voice and speech with Elizabeth Friedman of the Alta Bates-Herrick Hospital Department of Audiology and Speech Therapy; Claremont Library branch, 3000 Hillegass, Berkeley. 540-7265

The Enneagram of Patriarchal Society: April 23, noon - 4 p.m.: Speaker Claudio Naranjo, internationally known Chilean psychiatrist will speak; First Unitarian Church of Berkeley; One Lawson Rd, Kensington. 528-3417

Tear Gas Training Group: April 22, 9 - 11 a.m.: State permit to carry pepper spray and Mace will be issued after two-hour Department of Justice training course; Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave; 524-5065.

Retired Federal Employees: National Assoc. meeting, Chapter 1282; April 25, 1 p.m.: "HMO or Preferred Provider Health Care?" with Cheryl Gibson, Blue Cross Representative; Albany Methodist Church; 980 Stannage Ave, Albany.

Alliance Française: East Bay: April

26, 6 p.m.: French lecture: "The Wine and Cuisine of France," by Andre Fournier; wine tasting follows; Plymouth Church; 777 Oakland Ave., Oakland. Reservations required: 524-9584.

East Bay Home Economists: April 26, 7:30 p.m.: "A Slow Walk Down the Information Highway" with Laurene Martin. Anyone with a degree in Home Economics welcome. 841-3213

College Night: April 20, 7:15 - 9 p.m.: BHS counselors Charlene Calvert and Dan Dean, vice principal Ron Rosenbaum and college consultants Trish Hawthorne and Edith Zinn explain the college application process for parents and students; BHS Library (2nd floor B Building).

Building Libraries in Nepal: April 27, 7:30 p.m.: Slide show and discussion with Dr. Antonia Neubauer, president of Myths and Mountains educational adventures; International House; 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley 642-9490.

Urban Revisions: Community workshops: April 20, 6 p.m.: "Southside/Telegraph: Is it our neighborhood too?", the students' perspective; April 27, 6:30 p.m.: "Creating Bicycle Boulevards for Berkeley" with *Berkeley Insider* Magazine publisher Hank Resnik, Berkeley Transportation Planner Susie Sanderson, Council member Donna Spring, and others; The Gallery; UAM/PFA; Bancroft and Durant below College, Berkeley.

Columbus School Plans: April 22, 10:30 - noon: See the Ratcliff Architects' presentation and model of the new facility; Old Columbus School Library; 7th and Allston, Berkeley; 841-9231.

John Shattuck: Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; April 27, 7:30 p.m.: "Civil and Political Rights in the United States," an initial report to the UN by the United States; respondents Barbara Christian, African American Studies, Paul Hoffman, formal Legal Director, ACLU/SC, and Stephan Riesenfeld, Law; Booth Auditorium, Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley. 642-0965

Free Bike Maintenance Workshop: April 25, 7 p.m., sponsored by the East Bay Bicycle Coalition; Albany Community Center, corner of Marin and Masonic, Albany; 525-3224. Bike to Work Day May 4.

Mandana North CRC: April 22, 1 - 4 p.m.: "Follow Your Bliss" workshop for finding meaningful work; April 26, "The

Challenge of Talking to Your dren," with Patricia A. McArthur; April 29, 1-4 p.m.: "Elderly and the Community" with Katherine 606 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

Beginners Marquee: Tues, 10 - noon at the Berkeley School. Open to anyone who more info visit St. John's at 2727 College Ave & Gough.

BAHA House Tour: And the Berkeley Property 23, 12 - 5 p.m. 841-2400

Wimmia's Poetry Marquee: 7 p.m.: Jennifer Stone will be open to women only, free, 1000 Ave., Berkeley.

African American Book: 27, 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.: Book *Man With a Pistol*, by Charles South Berkeley Library, 10 MLK Jr. Way; 773-9595

15th annual Pot of Gold: April 22, 6 p.m.: Dinner and yachting, self-hypnosis, music, conodont time; etc. benefits community, less, youth, music and other programs; First Unitarian Church, One Lawson Rd, Kensington.

The AIDS Lifesty: April 21, 22 Warren Hall on Oxford.

Ballet Folklorico de Mexico: noon - 5 p.m.: 20th anniversary; James Kenney Park, Berkeley.

Black Oak Books: April 21, Leslie with *The Mark of a Man*; All events 7:30 p.m., 1000 Ave at Vine, Berkeley.

Black to the Promised: 23, 4:30 p.m.: A documentary, 11 inner-city, African-Americaners taken to an Israeli kibbutz; Jewish teacher; BRUC; Walnut St., 848-0237.

CCFU's 53rd Annual: cooperative Center Federal Union 4 p.m. mini co-op Fair; 5:45 p.m. St. John's Center, Hunter Hall, Berkeley.

Cody's Books: April 23, Meier, *The Power of Their Words for America From a Small Harlem*. 7:30 p.m., under Telegraph Ave., Berkeley.

Collegiate Jazz Festival: 22, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., 400

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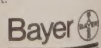


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Bike workshop

The East Bay Coalition is spon-...ing a workshop to help people...rolling on their bikes and for...riders to gain some self-...iciency.

The class is an introduction to...aintenance with an eye...commuting comfort and re-...ing, but is applicable to all kinds...ing. It will be on Tuesday...25, at 7 p.m. at the Albany...community Center.

The seminar is taught by Em...stein, founder of the Soft Cy-...ing Institute skills school in Ber-...ry. Herstein has given repair...es around the Bay Area and...helped many cyclists find their...nique for going up and down...and guided them in the nu-...es of trail bicycling.

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Soft Cycling Institute at 525-3224.

Bike to Work Day is May 4. Check bike shops for information on activities in your part of town, including morning refreshment stations and bike-commuter networking for new and seasoned commuters.

KARW meeting

The Kensington Area Republican Women's Club will have a lunch meeting at noon Wednesday, April 26, at the Mira Vista Country Club (end of Cutting Boulevard), El Cerrito. The social hour is 2 p.m. noon and the luncheon is 12:30 p.m.

The deadline for receipt of reservations is April 24.

The tickets are \$9 per person and reservations may be made with Maura Blodgett at 233-5873. Your reservation will be confirmed on receipt of your check (made out to KARW).

The speaker will be Mrs. Debra Wright who will speak on "Politics in Education" and her recent experience on running against Ron Dellums, 9th Congressional District.

Quake drill

ALBANY - The city-wide earthquake drill is only two days away. Any last minute questions can be directed to Disaster Preparedness Coordinator Dave Simpson at 528-5775. Most city blocks have a captain who will organize the drill in their area.

The drill starts at 10 a.m. and at 1 p.m. the community is asked to come to the Albany High School Little Theatre (on Key Route between Portland and Thousand Oaks) to tell what happened on their blocks.

Host families sought

Approximately 40 Japanese students, between the ages of 15 and 17, will be studying English at UC Extension this summer — July 29 - Aug. 19 — and staying with local families. This is the third year Pacific Reach has coordinated this event here in Berkeley, and it has proven to be very successful.

Families interested in learning more about the Japanese culture and hosting a student should call Elisa Reutinger at 527-2266.

Landmark nursery closing its doors

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Another landmark El Cerrito business is closing its doors. Edward and Henry Albonico have provided the community with garden plants, tools and accessories at Albert's Nursery for more than 50 years. Now, they say, it's time to enjoy retirement.

Only the most longterm residents will remember a time when Albert's Nursery wasn't there. It's the only business that's ever occupied the spot.

"This was all open pasture land with cows on it when our father and mother started the nursery," said Albert. "They purchased the property and built the nursery up."

That was in 1932. When Albert Albonico first came to California, he started out helping his uncle on a dairy farm in the valley but found that work didn't suit him. Next came a mining job in Mammoth; he joined the service and was stationed overseas during World War I.

It was on his return to California, where he married Anna, that Albert Albonico found his true calling. He became a landscape contractor and started a growing nursery for his business at the family home he and Anna established at Elm and Donal streets.

In 1932, they started the nursery business on San Pablo Avenue and ran it through World War II.

"We learned the landscaping trade working with our father while we were children," said Edward Albonico. "That's how you did it in those days."

Edward and Hank grew up in El Cerrito, attending Fairmont Elementary and eventually graduating from Richmond High School.

After high school, World War II took Hank Albonico, who was in the Army, to the South Pacific. Edward flew planes in the Navy.

Edward married his wife, Shirley, while he was still in the Navy; Henry married June when he got back. Both successful marriages



Edward Albonico (left) with brother Henry.

(heading to 50 and 49 years, respectively) are still going strong.

The business has also been a success, especially in the most important way: bringing satisfaction to its hardworking owners for many years.

"It's a good, healthy occupation," said Hank. "You're always on the outside."

In addition, he said, the brothers just took after their father in his love for plants.

"I just enjoy working with

plants," said Albert. "I also enjoy our customers. We've had children of our older customers who've themselves become regular customers. We've even had some grandchildren."

"A young lady just came in a couple of weeks ago and said her grandfather and her dad had been regular customers," said Hank. "Now she's starting her own home and coming to the nursery."

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OUT and ABOUT

By Frosene Phillips

There is a lot to celebrate about at Harrah's Casinos. The grand opening of Harrah's New Orleans Casino is scheduled for May 1, and its just a stone's throw from the French Quarter. Located at the Municipal Auditorium on Basin Street, this home is temporary until the permanent casino on Canal Street opens in the spring of 1996.

Harrah's operates 15 casinos throughout the country that are each gearing up to join in the celebration of New Orleans' only land based casino. Harrah's Lake Tahoe's Big Easy Celebration starts Friday and will feature Mardi Gras gifts, a Dixieland jazz band, Cajun food and drink specials, slot promotions and nightly drawings.

Another treat at Harrah's Lake Tahoe is the opening next Tuesday of Greg Thompson's *Stagestruck*. After a long run at the Reno Harrah's, the award winning show brings its nostalgic ride of memorable musical productions to Lake Tahoe through July 24. This is entertainment for the entire family.

Entertainment aside, Harrah's has also made a gesture in a different direction. The National Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. announced recently that Harrah's Casinos is funding the development of the help line, staff training and first-year expenses for a toll-free, 24-hour help line for persons throughout the United States seeking assistance and information on problem and compulsive gambling. Those interested can reach the confidential telephone number at 1-800-522-4700.

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RESTAURANT BITES: The annual *Five Star Night*, benefitting East Bay Countymeals-On-Wheels takes place at the beautiful Lakeview Club Monday, May 1. Participating restaurants and chefs this year include Bay Wolf, Chez Panisse, Hong Kong East Ocean, Lakeview Club, Lalime's, Rivoli, Santa Fe Bar & Grill, Savoy Catering and Wente Bros. Restaurant. *Five Star Night* benefits eight major organizations that provide meals-on-wheels to 1,700 homebound elderly men and women five days a week in Alameda County. For further information contact Kathleen Quinlan at (510) 653-1131.

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WEEKEND SCENE: Regina Belle Kimball's East...Weslia Whitfield with the Mike Greensill Duo Saturday and Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Jim Brown at Scott's...Live Jazz Monday through Thursday Clarion Suites Lake Merritt Hotel...The Move in the Ducks & Co. Lounge at the Ramada Hotel...Frankye Kelley and the Mark Little Trio at Elsin's Via Veneto... West Express Friday and Gary Newman and Clifford Saturday at the Fat Lady.

Joe Louis Walker and Boss Friday and Charlie Musselwhite Saturday at Yoshi's Nitespot...The Section 8 Project Friday and Ben Marcato Saturday in the Terrace Lounge at the Claremont Hotel... Hollywood & Co. with Beverly Watson Friday and Lloyd Gregory & Friends Saturday at the 5th Amendment...Fabulous Foxx Band Friday and Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums Saturday at the Baltic.

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COMEDY SCENE: Henry Cho at the Punch Line Walnut Creek...Don McMillan at Tommy T's San Ramon... "Comedy by the Bay" Wednesday at Geoffrey's Inner Circle...Wednesday Night Live! at Elsin's Via Veneto...**SAN FRANCISCO:** Chris Rock and Carlos Alazraqui at the Punch Line...Will Durst and Mike Ferucci at Cobb's Comedy Club.

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City successes, future priorities in review

On April 7 the city council held its annual Goal Setting Meeting or "Retreat." The meeting was held at the El Cerrito Royale and was a public meeting of the city council. In attendance were the five city council members, Gary Pokorny, the city manager, Jim Randall, chief of administrative services (I call him the CFO), Lyle Sumik, a professional facilitator, whom the city has used for many years for these meetings, and five members of the public who observed the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is for council members to discuss informally the achievements of the past year, the goals we want to set for ourselves and the city staff for the next year, and any problems or issues that have arisen in the past year that we may want to try to work through. Put differently, the meeting gives the council an opportunity to take stock as to what we have done, what we want to focus on for the next year, and what concerns we may have about our interaction with each other and the staff.

I will not discuss here all the items the council and staff identified as achievements from the past year, but will highlight some of the key ones. In terms of administrative services, we managed to keep up levels of city services despite the past three years of cuts. One way we did this is by merging the Recreation and Senior Services units into one administrative entity. By doing this we were able to keep more people in direct "on-line" positions for dealing with our residents while maintaining managerial oversight. This has meant that the managers for these services have had an increase in duties, including an increase in activities that bring them in direct contact with the residents. I stress that this is an increase over the past because these managers were already involved in direct service with the community. A second achievement was the continued building of our financial reserve. We were actually

From the Mayor's Desk

By Norman LaForce
El Cerrito



just a little above the target we had set two years ago.

A third achievement was the passage of the Redevelopment Agency Reauthorization. This gives the city the flexibility to deal with development issues. The city will continue to have a necessary tool for assisting and stimulating in the economic development and growth of our city.

Fourth, the city successfully took over, by contract, providing fire service to Kensington. This provides the city with better total fire protection and greater efficiency in service for our own community. In addition, Kensington residents have noted a very different approach that our fire department has over what they experienced in the past. The El Cerrito Fire Department has focused on direct involvement and connection with its staff and the community. We have also improved our fire hazard program and expanded our NEAT program in the city.

Fifth, we felt that the storm drain reconstruction program through the bond money was going forward in a timely fashion. We also took the opportunity of the heavy rains to modify the reconstruction program based on that experience.

Lastly, we have continued to have a good working relationship with the employees. The employees have felt that the council and manager have dealt with them fairly and in good faith. One reason for that is that we have negotiated new contracts in a timely manner and not had those negotiations drag out beyond dates fixed in the contracts. We were also open about our fiscal difficulties. This positive relationship has been good for the morale of our work force.

Turning to the second purpose of the meeting, the council

identified its top and high priorities for this year. In identifying these it is important to remember that these are not the only activities the city will work on. There are many programs that the city will also work on in addition to these.

We first identified projects in progress. These were the street reconstruction work, the storm drain reconstruction work, and the implementation of the Kensington fire contract.

We then selected through a voting process four "Top Priorities." These were the continued effort at the development around the Del Norte Plaza BART station, including the theater complex; the development of the El Cerrito Plaza and El Cerrito Plaza BART station area, which includes the planning on the future of the El Cerrito Plaza, the completion of the construction for fire station Number 72 on The Arlington, and efforts to improve El Cerrito schools.

We also identified four items as "High Priorities." These are the expansion of the NEAT program, work on improving library services, a review of our capital investment program for our infrastructure, and the development of a comprehensive graffiti control program.

Our meeting ended with a discussion of interaction among ourselves. I think I can fairly say that the five of us felt that we have worked well together over the past year and certainly do not have any of the problems that wrack other councils. Our facilitator treated us to examples of other types of interactions by other councils that were both amusing and shocking to us. We felt fortunate that we had not had those same experiences.

Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy

The next PTA Council meeting is Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in the Cornell Library. PTA Council membership is open to parents from any Albany school. Our committees include Parent Education, Disaster Planning, Budget Study, Newsletter, and Educational Foundation, among others. Please come and help us plan for next year.

Middle School's Open House and Book Fair is April 27. Open House is from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Book Fair, which raises money for AMS library books, is open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. that evening.

Book Fair will also be held during school hours on April 26, 27,

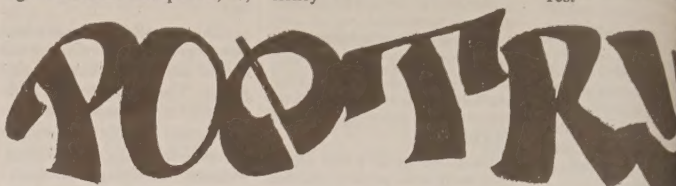
and 28. New, high-quality hardbacks and paperbacks will be sold, and 25 percent of total sales goes to the PTA.

The School Board meets Tuesday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cornell School Auditorium.

There's always be another acronym — Continuing the list of education-oriented acronyms from previous weeks:

ICC — Intersegmental Coordinating Council
IEP — Individual Education Plan
LEF — Local Education Foundation
LEP — Limited English Proficiency

MESA — Mathematics, Science, and Technology
NCTM — National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
OERI — Office of Educational Research, and Improvement
PACE — Policy Analysis for California Education
PEP — Parents Education Program
PQR — Program Quality Review
SARB — School Achievement Review Board
SAT — Scholastic Achievement Test
SAT — Stanford Achievement Test



MY MIND

Why is it when you look at me,
you look at me that way?
Is it because it's hard for you to understand me,
always wondering what's on my mind

My mind is like a raindrop that's fallen from the sky,
never knowing where it's going to end up
when it falls upon our mother earth,
not caring what's going to happen,
just moving on away from where I last was.

That single raindrop is me not caring about anything in the world,
hoping no one cares about me;
all I need is the love from within myself.

—Monique Guerra
MacGregor High School

LEAPING COLORS: Some lines on Mr. Frog

Mr. Frog looks as if he were once my little brother.

The frog makes sounds like knocking on the door.
He likes to hop around.
The frog slides slowly and he makes a soft noise.

Green, yellow, red, black and white —
those are the frog's colors.
With colors that bring the frog to life,
it looks like an imaginary frog.

I went to the beach and I

heard a frog.
"Croak, croak."
He was leaping colors

— by students in Brunetti's and MacGregor Primary

Students wrote these during workshops with Residence Judith Tamm. This project is funded by the California Arts Council, state agency, and the MacGregor Endowment for the Arts, federal agency.

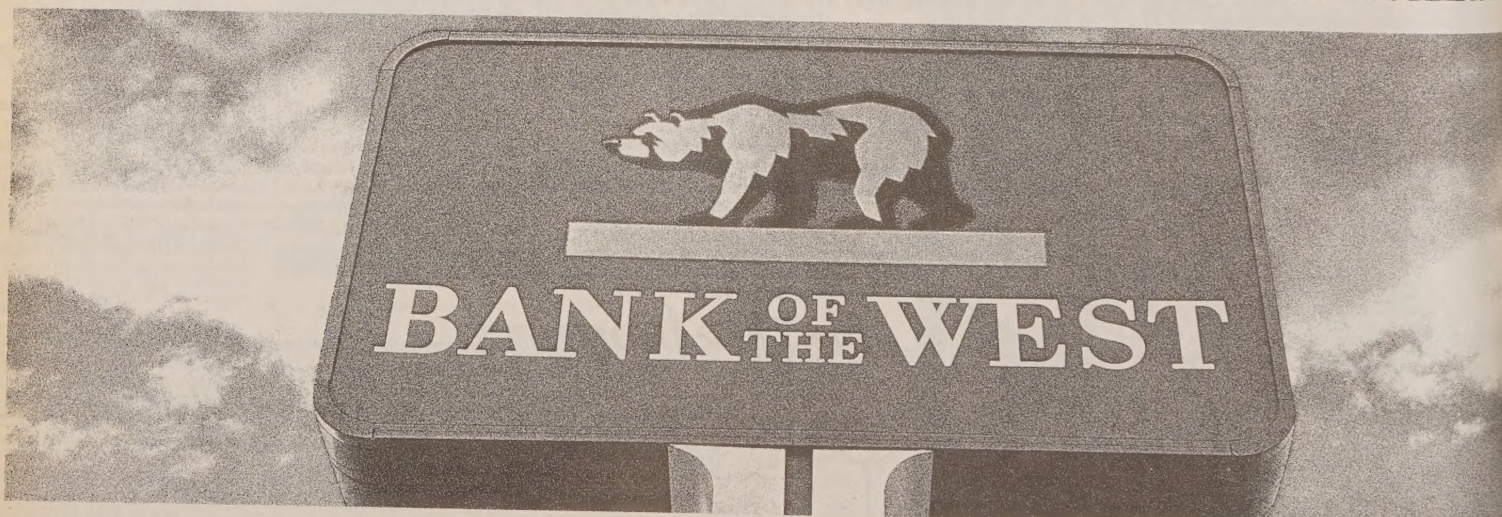
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Oakland Museum surveys 150 years of photography

The relationship between photography and the Golden State is celebrated in the exhibition "Photographs From the Permanent Collection," on view through Aug. 13 at the Oakland Museum of California's Oakes Gallery. The selection of some 30 photographs is drawn from the museum's 5,000-odd photograph collection, which spans a century and a half, from early Gold Rush-era works to contemporary color images.

Organized by Oakland Museum associate curator Karen Krimm, "Photographs From the Permanent Collection" represents the collecting efforts of Therese Dyer, senior curator of prints

and photographs, who has assembled the photograph collection over the past three decades. Incorporating images by Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham and Edward Weston, as well as the work of lesser-known photographers, the

Photography

collection includes 19th-century daguerreotypes, early "mammoth plate" and stereo views, Pictorialist images, the crisp photography of Group f.64, the social realism of Dorothea Lange and contemporary color work by Joann Callis, Richard Misrach and Leland Rice.

The exhibition includes examples of these and other styles by some 30 photographers, highlighting the major role California artists have played in the development of fine art photography.

Among the earlier works, Eadweard Muybridge's "Untitled (Lighthouse)," c. 1875, a mammoth-plate albumen print, represents Muybridge's mastery of large landscape views, while Anne Brigman's "The Storm Tree," 1911, belongs to the Pictorialist tradition of soft-focus, idealized images of the figure in nature.

Imogen Cunningham's luscious "Inside of Magnolia: Tower of Jewels," 1923-25 and Alma Lavenson's rhythmic "Leaf Decoration," 1933, are examples of Group f.64's interest in sharply focused photographs of commonplace objects rendered abstract through use of composition and texture.

Ansel Adams' "Mount Williamson from Manzanar, California," n.d., with its foreground of large rocks and the play of sunlight and cloud on the distant mountain, is a powerful representative of the photographer's majestic landscapes. In Edward Weston's "The Great Cloud, Mazatlan," n.d., a giant white cumulus cloud rises like a plume in the center of the image.

Dorothea Lange's Depression-era "Ruby from Arkansas," 1935, is representative of the documentary style that has given us many images of California's culture and history, a tradition also represented in the exhibition by John Gutmann's "First Drive-In Theatre," 1935/1988 and Anthony Hernandez' "Public Fishing Areas, No. 1, Herbert C. Legg Lake," 1979.

Judy Dater's "Mother and Daughters, Beverly Hills," 1972, is a stark black-and-white portrait of a contemporary California family, while Catherine Wagner's "Untitled," 1984, is part of a series of "classroom" scenes whose repetitive features—in this



Judy Dater's "Mother and Daughters, Beverly Hills," 1972, is a stark black-and-white portrait of a contemporary California family, part of the exhibit "Photographs From the Permanent Collection," at the Oakland Museum through Aug. 13.

case, a wall covered with stuffed ducks—create an interesting rhythmic composition from mundane elements.

Among works by artists using color are Joann Callis' "Untitled (seated figure)," 1976, an ambiguous portrait of a figure whose face is half shrouded in shadow; John Divola's "Wolf," 1983/87, whose bright red wolf

silhouette stands out sharply in a shadowy landscape; Ellen Brooks' "Untitled," 1984, a composition using toy figures; and Reagan Louie's "South Central, Los Angeles," 1992, an image taken in the wake of the Los Angeles riots.

"Photographs From the Permanent Collection" is supported by the Oakland Museum of California

Foundation.

The Oakland Museum is located at Oak and 10th streets. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m.

Suggested admission is \$4 general and \$2 for seniors and students. Museum members and children 6 and under are admitted free. For details, call 238-3401.

'Lady in the Dark' a rare chance to see a classic musical

■ How can you miss with a score by Kurt Weill, lyrics by Ira Gershwin and a book by Moss Hart?

By Phyllis Lyon

With a production that would please Freud on his worst day, Actors Ensemble of Berkeley are lighting up the East Bay with a revival of the 1941 psychiatric musical *Lady in the Dark*.

Seldom seen on Bay Area stages, *Lady* satisfies theater buffs' longing to experience live once again the historical collaboration of three icons of the American theater: Music by Kurt Weill. Lyrics by Ira Gershwin. Book by Moss Hart. Who could ask for anything more?

Musical comedy

Ensemble players, directed by Andrea Pruseau, provide the more with elan. The spoken plot-driving scenes are intentionally "gloomy as a Wilkie button," but the multi-talented Ensemble singers and dancers put fine shine on the musical dream sequences.

Liza Elliot, the Lady in question, is the power-house editor of the chic fashion magazine *Allure*. She is living with the magazine's publisher, whose wife is finally going to give him a divorce. She's got it made. So why can't she decide between an Easter cover and a circus cover? Why is she having bad dreams? Why is she "going to pieces"?

"Lie down on the couch," says the psychoanalyst Liza consults during lunch hours. Accompanied by the unforgettable, haunting childhood song, "My Ship," she recounts her dreams.

In "The Glamorous Dream," Liza, played by willowy Kathleen

Dederian, recounts a vision of herself as the toast of New York, a siren who makes all other women look "Hammacher Schlemmerish." Her "Wedding Dream" ends in nightmarish confusion about who's the groom. Played out in different musical styles and a cascade of clever lyrics, her dreams lead her back through high school slights and a three-ring circus to The Event at the heart of her failure of self-esteem.

At the office as well as in her dreams, Liza is beset by the needling of magazine ad manager, Charlie Johnson, played by Tim Hart, presumably no relation to Moss Hart, as rich of voice and as skilled an actor as he is, is more slovenly than feisty as the Lady's potential true love.

John Anthony Nolan plays the weak-kneed *Allure* publisher, Kendall Nesbitt, with what appears to be uncertainty but may be a full understanding of the role. Hard to tell.

While Dederian's strong singing does not quite make up for her lack of executive spine, the Ensemble's production stands tall on the solid legs of the supporting cast.

Outstanding among them is crowd-charmer Anderson Lim as the magazine photographer, Russell Paxton, doubling as ringmaster or chauffeur in dreams. Lim tops off his charismatic performance with a tongue-twisting Russian song and dance, no doubt written for Danny Kaye, who did it in 1941.

Paulette Herring is hilarious as Alison Du Bois, the overdressed, over-enthusiastic Hedda

Hopper gossip columnist. The reedy tenor of Keith Barlow, perfectly cast as the tall, handsome movie star sheik of her dreams, Randy Curtis, is right out of the Ziegfeld Follies.

Claudine Jones plays Liza's down-to-earth right-hand woman, Maggie Grant. Casey Seymour, with a great giggle, and Rose Anne Raphael fill out the office staff and chorus line. Dolores Lubin plays the undemanding role of the psychoanalyst, Dr. Brooks, sitting down.

The production stands tall on the solid legs of the supporting cast.

Making the Ensemble's *Lady* all of an entertaining piece are witty 1941 haute couture costumes, jazzy choreography by Kris Bell and music by the five-member Hors d'Oeuvres Orchestra with musical director Pat King at the piano.

Present-day feminists may cringe at the probability of an old-style solution to Liza Elliot's "boss lady" dilemma, i.e., quit the job, stay home and have babies. Not to worry.

Following the big finish *Trial Dream*, "Jenny Made Her Mind Up," Weill-Gershwin-Hart do the right thing.

Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. through May 4 (plus Thursday, May 4) at the Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$10. Call 528-5620 for reservations.



Clockwise around Kathleen Dederian (center) are (starting at 1 o'clock) Tim Hart, Anderson Lim, John Anthony Nolan and former Piedmonter Keith Barlow.

East Bay Events This Week



Jeff Condiff is a Havana dancer, Kirsty Brown a Hot Box girl, in Head-Royce's production of 'Guys & Dolls.'

'Guys & Dolls' at Head-Royce School

Frank Loesser's *Guys & Dolls*, comes to the stage at the Head-Royce School, 4315 Lincoln Ave., Oakland. The 50 performers are drawn from the Middle and Upper School, with an all-school orchestra. The show will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday the next two weeks (April 21, 22, 28, 29) and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 23, and at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27. Call 531-1300 for ticket information.

Black Repertory opens Hughes musical

The Black Repertory Group opens its production of Langston Hughes' *Simply Heavenly* tonight. The musical follows a group of Harlemites, especially the trials of Simple and his efforts to marry Joyce. Movie and TV actor Mel Stewart directs the production, which plays through May 28 at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Black Repertory Group theater, 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. Tickets are \$10 (\$8 students, \$5 children, \$3 seniors. Call 652-2120 for reservations or more details.

OEB Symphony plays Verdi's Requiem

Michael Morgan leads the Oakland East Bay Symphony and Oakland Symphony Chorus in a performance of Verdi's Requiem. The soloists are soprano Judith Raddue, mezzo-soprano Leslie Richards-Pellegrini, tenor Daniel Harper and bass David Tigner. The performance is at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. Tickets are \$9 to \$28; call 465-6400.

International House holds SpringFest

International House Berkeley is sponsoring SpringFest '95 Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 2299 Piedmont Ave. (at Bancroft Way), Berkeley. Some 25 performing groups are lined up, ranging from a Caribbean steel band to a jazz combo from Switzerland, plus food from Persia, Spain, Greece, Sweden, France and Italy. Face painting and story-theater lab are for kids, with an international fashion show. Admission is \$3, free to kids under 14. Call 642-9460 for details.

Art students hold spring fair

The students at the California College of Arts and Crafts hold their annual spring fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow on the CCAC campus, 5212 Broadway, Oakland. Students will offer ceramics, photographs, fine prints, textiles, paintings and food for sale along the paths of the campus. The school's glass and jewelry/metal arts departments hold their annual sales at the fair. For more details, call 597-3666.

Folk ensemble presents 'American Pie'

The 40 singers, dancers and musicians of Westwind International Folk Ensemble bring their show *American Pie* to the Julia Morgan Theater Friday through Sunday. "Ride the wave of American history from New England whalers to the Hawaiian Islanders, from the religious South's shape note hymns to (a) Shaker workshop service."

Guest artists are pianist Ed Kelly (of the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir) and dancer Gina Pacaldo, who will perform a dance collage based on Apache and Mexican Indian themes.

Performances are at 8 p.m. tomorrow, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, all at the Julia Morgan, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door (discounts for seniors/students). Call 444-8575 or 762-BASS.

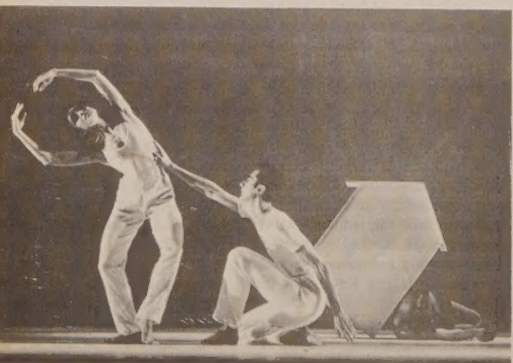
Scarlatti recital at MusicSources

Harpichordist Elain Thornburgh, founder of Humanities West, plays sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti at 5 p.m. Sunday at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley; 528-1685. \$15. Reception afterward.

Nagano brings Opéra Lyon for June visit

Opéra Lyon, of Lyon, France, brings its vocal, instrumental and ballet troupes to the Bay Area June 17 to 30, performing both in

San Francisco and at UC-Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Opéra Lyon and the Berkeley Symphony share a music director in Kent



Gerard Amissem

'Don Juan': sleepy Brando, dashing De

■ Here's a romance so free of cynicism that it suspends the viewer's cynicism.

By Renata Polt

The young man about to jump off the top of a billboard is wearing a black half-mask, cape, swashbuckling hat, boots and a sword. He is, he claims, Don Juan de Marco, the world's greatest love, seducer of 1,000 women. To the psychiatrists at the mental hospital where he ends up, he's a nut case. It's easy to judge who's right, right?

Movies

The film is *Don Juan de Marco*, with Johnny Depp playing the title role and Marlon Brando as his psychiatrist, Dr. Jack Mickle. Faye Dunaway lolls around as Jack's wife, Marilyn, looking better than a woman her age has any right to. It's an unusual picture, and not only because—after how many years?—we get to see Brando again, in all his Orson Welles-size glory.

Brando's burned-out Dr. Mickle is about to retire, but he's sufficiently fascinated with Don Juan's case to want to take it on. That gives the young man 10 days—the exact amount of time to Jack's retirement—to persuade the doctor that he is who he says he is. If he can't do that, he'll be made to take anti-psychotic drugs and committed for an indefinite stay at the hospital.

The sessions with the doctor provide Don Juan the chance to tell his story, and what a fanciful story it is, full of shipwrecks, duels, sultans, typhoons—and, of course, plenty of gorgeous and willing women. These flashback scenes are colorful in an appropriately fairy-tale way and accompanied by a fine musical score.

The supposed legendary lover's tales of romance have the expected effect on the doctor, who's been caught up in "the momentum of mediocrity."

"What happened to all the celestial fire that used to light our way?" Jack asks his longtime wife, who doesn't know what to make of her husband's suddenly renewed passion. Neither did I, in fact, as the scenes in which the rejuvenated Jack woos the astonished Marilyn—who's more concerned with flossing her teeth and taking her hormone pills—are predictable and unconvincing.

Johnny Depp's character is something else again. That Spanish accent, those burning eyes—no wonder the nurses at the hospital are all in a dither! Depp is emerging as an actor of amazing



Doña Ana (Geraldine Pailhas) pledges love to Don Juan de Marco (Johnny Depp). Depp believes he has seduced 1,000 women. Marlon Brando plays a psychiatrist who must believe Don Juan is delusional or just very romantic.

Depp is emerging as an actor of amazing range; it's exciting to look forward to the kind of career he'll have.

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As for Marlon Brando, he has the presence of a very large man—though sometimes I wondered whether I was confusing his stone-face demeanor with dignity.

Brando, his characteristic mumble very much intact, comes to life only sporadically in *Don Juan de Marco*. When he does, though, he exhibits a playfulness that makes him a pleasure to watch.

It would be easy to dismiss *Don Juan de Marco*, written and directed by first-time director Jeremy Leven, as a New-Agey take on those old clichés about the superiority of the insane and the relativity of truth.

But the film—a pure romantic fantasy, totally un-hip and without an ounce of cynicism—is so engaging that I found my own cynicism and disbelief being put on hold. We don't come across movies like that—especially

American-made ones—Incidentally, the movie's co-star, singer Selena, plays a role in *Don Juan de Marco* as a singer.

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El Cerrito sets swim, spirit records

The weather is still a little crazy at El Cerrito High School swimming pool, but the team just keeps swimming faster. In what has been called one of the "golden years" in ECHS swimming history, the team has not only achieved new high school records with every meet and dazzling the crowds with exciting

The team as a whole is working well, and individuals both JV and Varsity are practicing hard during workouts and it shows in the races," said coach Cal Chun. "There have been dramatic improvements in strokes and times with both JV and V swimmers which will bode well for North and the future of the team with so many JVs."

Across the board, swimmers have been dropping an average of 10 seconds, with the varsity 500 meter swimmers dropping more than 20 seconds.

The El Cerrito swim team is still small, however, compared with some teams in the league, so the overall team record does not tell the whole story. But attending a meet where El Cerrito is swimming provides a lesson in team and team spirit. "At every meet this season, the crowd was brought to its feet screaming and cheering because our swimmers were so exciting," said Chun.

The varsity boys' team, with only five swimmers, has yet to win a meet. Varsity girls are 1-3, winning against Encinal 101-52, losing out to the big guns of Alameda, Piedmont and Bishop Dowd. The JVs, the largest group in the school's history, are also doing well, with the girls winning all their preseason meets and 1-3 in season - and the boys also winning all their pre-



Firth O'Kane prepares to start the 100 back.

season meets.

"The most exciting thing," said Chun, "is that our swimmers are finally getting their strokes down, and I bet most records will again fall at the next meet."

The next meet is scheduled against St. Mary's, St. Joe's, and Holy Names on April 28 at home (El Cerrito Community Center Pool) with a 3:30 start. Admission is free.

Paying the rent

The one dark spot on an otherwise spotless season has been fundraising. The team has been working behind the scenes with help from Howard Abelson on lowering the staggering \$3,000-plus pool rent. The last fundraiser the team held was the Aquathon, in which \$1,600 was pledged. Sponsors, however, have been slow to produce their money.

If the \$1,600 cannot be raised

by the end of this month, the team may have to stop swimming because it can no longer afford to pay pool rent. Coaches and swimmers are working extremely hard to ensure that possibility does not occur.

The team appreciates support it has received from PowerFood, Sport Street Marketing, Wells Fargo Bank, Mechanics Bank, Coast Federal Bank, Bank of America, Tradeway Stores, Albany-El Cerrito Exchange Club, Copy Central on San Pablo, Lucky's Supermarkets, Richmond Sanitary Company, Home Depot on San Pablo, D-ball, Big-5 Sporting Goods, Super Wok Restaurant and Golden Dynasty restaurant.

Varsity Girls Personal Best for '95 Season/High School Record

(*) Denotes new record.

200 Medley Relay: Vivian Lau,

Michelle Habbas, Tia Shimada, Firth O' Kane 2:01.00/1:58
200 Free: Michelle Habbas, 2:05.60*/2:05.60
200 IM: Michelle Habbas, 2:24.02*/2:24.02
50 Free: Michelle Habbas, 26.90*/26.90
100 Fly: Tia Shimada, 1:04.41*/1:04.41
100 Free: Michelle Habbas, 57.24*/57.24
500 Free: Tia Shimada, 5:48.20*/5:48.20
200 Free Relay: Firth O' Kane, Caely Cusick, Melissa Vaughn, Juliet Miya, 2:00.94/1:57.42
100 Back: Vivian Lau, 1:02.09/1:00.80
100 Breast: Michelle Habbas, 1:15.44*/1:15.44
400 Free Relay: Tia Shimada, Juliet Miya, Vivian Lau, Michelle Habbas, 4:05.09/3:58

Varsity Boys Personal Best for '95 Season/High School Record

200 Medley Relay: Raymond Lam, Ben Wong, Victor Gonzales, Pete Peters, 1:56.45*/1:56.45
200 Free: Pete Peters, 2:12.65*/2:12.65
50 Free: Raymond Lam, 24.69/24.02
100 Free: Raymond Lam, 55.78*/55.78
500 Free: Victor Gonzales, 6:06.93*/6:06.93
200 Free Relay: Raymond Lam, Ben Wong, Victor Gonzales, Pete Peters, 1:44.48*/1:44.48
100 Back: Raymond Lam, 1:00.59*/1:00.59
100 Breast: Ben Wong, 1:08.63*/1:08.63

JV Girls New Records

200 Free: Ursula Grimm, 2:37.89
100 IM: Sijing Tan, 1:28.01/50 Free: Sijing Tan, 32.78
500 Free: Nora Chow, 8:41.41
100 Free: Sijing Tan, 1:14.68
100 Back: Angelina LaRita, 1:36.17
100 Breast: Primrose Boynton, 1:51.76

JV Boys New Records

200 Free: Roger Chung, 2:56.84
100 IM: Kris Pyland, 1:29.03
500 Free: Silvio Quintanilla, 8:42.50
50 Fly: Bem Jones-Bey, 49.43
100 Free: Roger Chung, 1:09.20
100 Back: Roger Chung, 1:28.83
100 Breast: Roger Chung, 1:30.47

Berkeley's relay team aiming to be the best

Berkeley High School's boys track team backed up its claim as the state's best sprint relay team by winning two relays and two open sprint races at the 37th annual Mt. SAC Relays last Friday.

The sprint relay team, comprising J'Juan Cherry, Marlon Monroe, Hannibal Navies and Gwange Pittman, is reminding prep track fans of the previous Berkeley heydays. Intent on

avenging a narrow defeat to rival John Muir of Pasadena in the previous weekend's 28th annual Arcadia Invitational, coach Bobby Bobby Pope's sprinters took it upon themselves to raise funds to travel to Mt. SAC for a rematch.

To their dismay, Muir did not enter a squad in the 4x100 meter relay. Berkeley won easily in 41.52.

However, anticipation was high with both teams entered in the 4x200 meter relay—a rematch of the Oakland Invitational. Berkeley prevailed on the strength of notable splits by Monroe of 21.1, and a blazing anchor of 20.8 by Cherry. The Yellowjackets had to overcome two poor exchanges and some bumping along the way to defeat both Muir and Morningside of Inglewood in 127.49.

In addition, Cherry and Monroe both won open heats in the

200 meters (21.52) and 400 meters (49.32) respectively.

Friday's performance came on the heels of the team's success at Arcadia the previous week. Against major national competition the Yellowjackets came away

with a second and a fourth in the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays, accompanied by first-place finishes in the invitational

200 meters (Cherry in 21.76), and seeded 400 meters (Monroe in 48.47).

In the first relay Berkeley led through the first three legs, finishing behind Muir in 41.29. In the longer relay, after a poor start left it last in the field of eight, three very quick legs managed to pull it into a fourth place finish.

The Yellowjackets have the potential to bring home a couple of relay titles from the state meet as well as individual honors. Therefore, they have attempted to meet the best competition available.

Their only legitimate local rival is a very quick Skyline team which finished just behind them at Arcadia. Unfortunately, these two fine teams might not meet again until the state meet at Cerritos, the first weekend in June.

The Yellowjackets have the potential to bring home a couple of state relay titles

St. Mary's Eveland: This pitcher hits, too

Senior Panther hits first home run of his high school career

By Scott Kaplan

Inevitably the things that come the easiest to one in life seem to take the least amount of effort and time.

That's been sort of the case for St. Mary's hurler Josh Eveland. Eveland is a pitcher first and foremost, and that's where he's had most of his baseball prowess. But one can only admire what he's done with the stick in 1995.

Case in point was last Thursday at Encinal's Willie Stargell Field as Eveland made up for a sub-par performance on the mound (for Josh Eveland standards), going 3-for-3 at the plate with two RBI, including his first ever prep home run.

"Last year they DH'ed for me pretty much the whole year," said Eveland. "This year as a senior I guess they're just letting me hit." And it's a good thing that they are.

Currently Eveland is hitting .400 for the Panthers, who improved to 12-3 overall, 5-1 in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League with a 7-3 win over the Jets.

The victory came only a day after the Panthers knocked off previously league-unbeaten Bishop O'Dowd. With six games remaining on its league schedule the odds now are pretty good that St. Mary's will capture the ACCAL's regular season crown.

"It feels great because now it (the wins over O'Dowd and Encinal) puts us in the driver's seat," said St. Mary's coach Bob Cruz. "Now we are in control of our own destiny."

The Panthers, ranked in one local newspaper poll as the fourth-best team in the East Bay, have been anything but a surprise, returning almost everyone from last season's ACCAL championship team.

Without question Eveland has been the catalyst compiling a 6-0

record as a starter. Last Thursday Eveland went the distance, striking out seven, and giving up just two earned runs. In fact the two runs he allowed actually inflated his Earned Run Average a bit, as his ERA was under 1.00 entering the contest.

The weather conditions weren't ideal for a pitching staff or a defense Thursday as Willie Stargell Field is nestled right on the gusty waterfront in the island town of Alameda. St. Mary's lost three pop flies (one costing it a run) in the wind.

"Josh would be the first one to tell you that he didn't have his best stuff today," said Cruz. "The wind and everything was really bothering him. Anybody that can pitch on this mound is a miracle person."

The wind proved to be an aid for hitters as the ball carried quite well, but by no means did Eveland's sixth-inning blast need assistance in leaving the ball park.

On a 1-1 count Eveland got a hold of Brian Patrone's fastball and laced the ball well beyond the fence in right-center field. Encinal centerfielder Kariem McFarlin only took two steps before watching Eveland's blast sail some 350 feet into the parking lot of an apartment complex.

"It's the home run," said Eveland. "He (Patrone) put a fastball by me on the first pitch, then he threw a curveball, and then he came back with a fastball."

The Panthers stormed out to 6-0 lead against the Jets scoring 1, 2, and 3 runs in each of the first three frames. Encinal (10-2-2 overall, 4-2 in the ACCAL) came back with two in its half of the third and one in the fourth but ultimately it wasn't enough.

As a team St. Mary's had 11 hits led by Eveland's effort. Second baseman David Adams had two hits, while Tony Para along with Eveland drove in two runs.

On Wednesday the Panthers downed O'Dowd 4-2 as right-hander James Murphy pitched a complete-game victory. Miles Richardson homered for St. Mary's.

Gauchos girls give way to O'Dowd

EC hit well, but the Dragons held their turf

El Cerrito girls softball team beat the O'Dowd Dragons last week, a team that is undefeated in ACCAL at 6-0, 9-3 overall in half-game behind first place Alameda.

O'Dowd maintained its hold on the standings by beating El Cerrito, 10-0, in six innings at Sutter Park in San Leandro.

The game ended on an odd note at the bottom of the sixth inning. O'Dowd hitter Melissa Kittell hit a fielder's choice for the second out, but the game was over. When Harris scored on the play, which invoked the 10-run rule. This was not the one-sided game it seemed.

El Cerrito (3-3 ACCAL, 3-5 overall) had good pitching and decent fielding, but not much hitting. The Lady Gauchos managed only two hits off O'Dowd freshman pitcher Nicole Freccero.

The Gauchos were unable to score even though eight batters reached base on three walks, two of which were intentional. The pitcher's choice, a Dragon error, and two hits.

El Cerrito pitcher Tanya Lewis had good speed and decent control. The home run was not really a home run, because it sailed over the outfielder's head.

Lewis was doing fine up to that point. She struck out the first batter of the inning, then allowed a single by Margaret White. Jen Lizama's hit was playable, but it was misjudged.



El Cerrito catcher Deanna Claytor is late on the tag with O'Dowd's Jen Lizama.

O'Dowd cleanup hitter Mara Poynter followed with another single, but she was nailed trying to steal second. El Cerrito catcher Deanna Claytor, a senior with a rifle arm, made a perfect throw for the second out.

That cleared the bases. But Lewis issued four consecutive walks before getting out of the inning on another strikeout.

Freccero was doing a good job, too. She notched two strikeouts in a 1-2-3 first, then relied on good fielding behind her the rest of the way.

Once again shortstop Lizama made a huge difference.

In the second inning Claytor

walked on four pitches, but Lizama tossed her out at second on a fielder's choice.

Next up was hard-hitting Gaucha senior Karen Maoki, who hit a shot up the middle. Lizama fielded the ball, tagged the runner out on an unassisted play at second and threw to first for the double play.

Freccero gave up a two-out walk and a single in the fourth inning, but escaped unharmed on a flyout. She had another 1-2-3 inning in the fifth on three infield flies, then left two runners stranded in the sixth on two comebacks to the mound.

Lizama scored the only run in

the second on sheer chutzpah. She singled, then took off for second. The throw went into center and Lizama never stopped, going all the way home on two throwing errors.

In the sixth Gerardin knocked in two more runs on a bases-loaded single. Harris doubled in Cleo Chan for the 9-0 lead, then she scored the winning run to end the first half of the season.

"It's nice going into the break like that," said O'Dowd coach Dale Isaacs. "We played well and they played well. They hit the ball, but we played good defense. I am happy with the way we are playing right now."

Local award-winning poet creates magic with words

The sprinkler spins its white spider of water, and the frisbee in the nasturtiums is a dish of brown leaves beneath a pear tree spread like a map to the sky.

There is more of the poem, but this is a bit of the magic that Michael Cadnum spins with words.

And he uses his gift in other ways, also. He writes horror stories. And children's books.

Michael doesn't remember a time when he wasn't writing poetry. He started writing it seriously as a teenager, and never stopped.

"My basic commitment has always been to poetry," he says. "In turning to fiction I have been intent on bringing into the novel some of that magic we so often find in poems."

I have read his first novel — also his first horror story. "Nightlight" is, well, I'll quote

from the jacket of the book: "In Nightlight, award-winning poet Michael Cadnum has fashioned a superb tale of the macabre, building subtly from a low note of queasy foreboding to a shattering pitch of terror."

That says it all. Fascinating. Yes, he is an "award-winning poet." Among his awards is a creative writing fellowship from the (now endangered) National Endowment for the Arts.

Born and educated in Costa Mesa, in southern California, Cadnum came north to attend UC Berkeley and San Francisco State. He studied English literature and creative writing. His favorite writers as a teenager were John Steinbeck and Dylan Thomas. Now, he says, he has no favorites, but reads widely. "There are so many books that I read where I admire the writer. When I was 17 it was different. I would read a book and think, that isn't very

good. I could do better than that." And he adds, "I always knew I would write."

With a smile Cadnum admits that his major in English literature was easy because it was "just reading," and he had always loved to read.

Cadnum remembers that he always had a job, in addition to his writing. His last job was as a substitute teacher in the Oakland schools. But, he says, he could not write novels and teach, too. He hated to give it up, because he liked working with the kids. He feels that his writing and his love of teaching have come together in his latest book, which is about to be published by Viking Press. This is a story-poem for children titled "The Lost And Found House."

Michael and wife Sherry (Sherina) lived for a year in England during the 1980s, and his book in work now, "Sleep Walker," is set in York. (Sherry, by the way, recently

retired from the Oakland schools, has just been elected to the board of Gateview in Albany, and is deeply immersed in the work there. They met in school, and lived in Carmel before coming to the Bay Area.)

In addition to the aforementioned "The Lost And Found House," Cadnum's ninth novel, "Taking It," will come out this August, also by Viking.

Asked how he had gotten into horror stories, he remembers that he had written several novels that were not suspenseful at all. When the publishers decided to publish "Nightlight," he decided to continue to write in that vein. "I found that by writing a suspense story, I was able to engage the interest of a reader in a way that poems simply would not do."

When speaking to a group of young people recently, Cadnum told them, "My feeling is that writing is something you are born to do, something in your

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



character. If not, you would probably be very unhappy doing it. If you were born to write, you would probably be very unhappy if you did not do it." Ruminating, he added, "You have to be the sort of person who would write even if there were no publishers; even if there was no money to be made from it. People who can dance or who can sing often do it for no money at all. You have to look at it that way. You have to look at writing as a profession that engages you on all levels. You have to want to do it almost every day."

"Of course," Michael adds, "I do like to make money, and I do like to publish, and I am very

proud when it comes to what. But I would write, no matter what."

Cadnum has published books of poetry and six "chapbooks." Chapbooks, explains, are short books of poems, half-way between a pamphlet and a book. They are about 48 pages. He says that getting poetry published. People want to read poetry. That's what I taught myself to write. I had to write a long time to be able to write novels. He says that he studied poetry at San Francisco State, but not See FOLK



SENIOR LIVING



PRIME TIME LIVING

One of the most meaningful rewards associated with this assignment has been the people I've been fortunate enough to meet and interview. During the past year, I've visited some truly impressive retirement centers and nursing facilities

(the dreaded "old folks home" of yesteryear may still exist somewhere; but I haven't seen one yet); nevertheless, my warmest thoughts are centered on some of the residents. Two recent visits to Creekside Lodge in San Pablo

added more to my growing list of unforgettable people. Imagine meeting the man who wrote the following lines: "A poem should be clean, / As the crystalline flow / From a mountain's stream, / Light as a gossamer breeze / Of a

dawn in early spring / "A poem should be a lens / Through which is reflected / The love imprisoned in a man's heart, / Held hostage forever." Those are the second and fifth verses of Dan Trupin's

poem "Definition" which he penned devotedly in 1979 "For Sophie" his wife. "We've been married 65 years. She's the only wife I've ever known," Dan exclaimed as he pattered her hand, "And she's the greatest."

Dan and Sophie Trupin, both 91 and have been living at Creekside Lodge since last November. His poems were published in the past winter also. I had been introduced to Dan and Sophie by Tim

By Joe

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Piazza Fontana new member

...dining areas, a cocktail bar with full-service bar, a staff of 20 employees, and a menu consisting of a variety of dishes from North, South and Italy await customers at the new Piazza Fontana Italian Restaurant (Fountain of the Sun), located at 385 Colusa Avenue, Colusa Circle, in Colusa. The restaurant, former location of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, is owned by Frederico, Tony and Dino Dal Bianco. The three, who preferred to be called by their first names, grabbed the opportunity to locate at this site, as they could see the potential for fine dining for their customers. They opened in March 1994, smoothing out the rough edges of operation the first month.

Customers were Mr. and Mrs. David. David and Coniglio Casalingo were braised with sausage, calamata olives, prosciutto and Dan Dabbas on this elegantly prepared entree. Other diners have raved about the impeccable service and how appetizing the food is. Some returned three times within a week to order different entrees or the same of what they had before.

Dabbas was enticed to work at the Kensington site, leaving a famous Marin County restaurant. Before arriving in California, Dabbas worked as a chef in Rome.

A sample of the menu includes 12 different pasta dishes, some served with fish or especially prepared to order. There are Osso Buco (veal shanks braised with port wine sauce served over polenta), chicken breasts, veal scaloppine, baked half chicken, pork loin, braised rabbit, steaks and six seafood entrees.

The menu also features appetizers, soups and salads, and an extensive wine list of Italian and California wines. Guests will appreciate the affordable prices and food prepared with the utmost of care.

The restaurant can provide private dining for meetings or social gatherings or large banquets. Future plans include a piano player entertaining with soft background music, opening for lunch, a happy hour and Sunday brunch.

The owners worked in their family restaurants in Brazil and Italy since they were young men. Dino is the food expert, Tony is the dining room and bar expert, and Frederico, a naval engineer, is the "numbers" expert. The three have been friends since childhood.

The restaurant is open Tuesday through Sunday, 5 to 10 p.m. For reservations and information, phone 526-1500.

Albany/El Cerrito Mixer

Albany and El Cerrito Chambers of Commerce are inviting their members and guests to attend a joint mixer sponsored by the chambers, Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Al Caruso's Insurance office and the new Piazza Fontana Italian Restaurant, both located on Colusa Circle.

Guests will gather at Caruso's office, 367 Colusa Ave., between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., then step next door to Piazza Fontana, 385 Colusa Ave., from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Special guest Narsai David will oversee the drawing of door prizes just before 7 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served at both locations. There is no admission charge. Chamber guests will be given a 20 percent discount on food if they choose to stay for dinner.

Reservations and information are available at the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 525-



From left to right, Chef Dan Dabbas, Al Caruso, Dino Dal Bianco and Frederico Lemke.

1771, and the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce at 233-7040.

RSVP's are not necessary but

helpful in planning refreshments. Bring your

business cards for exchanging with others.

SENIOR LIVING

...with husband Granger, and manages Creekside as part of Cobbco Care Corporation. "We have five facilities, but Creekside Lodge, which we bought five and a half years ago, was our first. Although Creekside Lodge was independent and lived only, we do offer nursing in addition to the others," Cobb said as we toured the clean and modern facility.

readily noted were the large and expansive dining room and the green-tiled garden setting which faced the creek in back. The is a wonderful spot for Trupin to compose more poetic gems, perhaps. I didn't help making a favor-

able mental note for the date somewhere in the future when I might decide the time will have arrived for an assisted living arrangement.

Meanwhile, I was listening to Dan and Sophie Trupin describe their early days. "I'd like the opportunity to tell Newt Gingrich about orphanages; I was raised in one," Dan related. "The first decade of my life was spent in one on Amsterdam Avenue in New York. I was eight before I ever saw real farm animals and a rural countryside. One of my poems called 'Seven Days' tells how deeply it touched me. I was ten before I ever held money in my hand - two dimes given to me by visitors. I didn't know what to do with them...gave one to my friend and swallowed the other when

a teenage counselor tried to con me out of it."

Trupin described how he went from the orphanage into a home which was in constant chaos. Yet, he survived, graduated from high school, got a law degree from New York Law School and practiced law for two years. "Then the depression withered my fragile clientele and I became a field inspector for the New York Dept. of Licensing, working in the roughest sections of the city. People claimed I wouldn't live long, but I'd been told that when I was a youngster at the orphanage - so what's new?" My new 91 year old acquaintance smiled wryly as he spoke.

Sophie, we learned, has been a writer too. Her book, Dakota Diaspora, about growing up in North Dakota, is part of the

required reading in an American history course at the University of Nebraska. "I was born in Warsaw when it was part of Russia," she said. "But my parents brought me to the United States as an infant. The settlement I grew up in was so small I had to board with another family in a distant town when I went to high school."

They are a wonderful pair, Dan and Sophie. Both possessing great intellect, patience and graciousness. Most important of all, the love bond between them has held fast. A few more lines from Trupin's book, I Knock at Every Door: "Gently, love weaves in and out of my life, / Even as the soft and quiet cloud, / Adrift in sky-gray cumulae, / Holds fast its elusive promise."



Creekside Lodge residents Sophia and Dan Trupin.

I was out on Pill Hill in Oakland last week and dropped by the offices of Gary Sullivan, D.D.S. Hearing that he is a dentist who has a large number of seniors in his clientele, I wanted to meet him.

With more people living longer these days tooth care, especially dentures, can be an ever increasing concern.

"The ability to chew food properly should be part of life's enhancements, but some senior citizens have problem," Dr. Sullivan informed us. "Often their lower dentures are ill-fitting without a supporting structure. To offset this problem, modern dentistry has come a long way, especially in the last ten years. It is now possible to have dental implants to provide a more

comfortably fitting and stable denture for chewing. This may not be the answer for everyone; but it could be the way to go for those who want something better in life as the years advance."

Dr. Sullivan also feels a complete oral exam should be part of one's annual checkup, seniors in particular. "Many oral diseases such as oral cancer or more common dental irritation may exist undetected for some time," he advised. "It isn't that expensive and could head off real trouble," he concluded.

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MARTIN SNAPP

The Worst And Dimmest: I'm in a mean mood today. I've been spending the week listening to Robert McNamara on all the talk shows, and I'm spoiling for a fight.

But first things first: Let me thank everyone who sent me birthday cards. There were a lot, although nowhere near as many as Eliza got for her birthday last month. You folks clearly have your priorities right!

OK, on to McNamara and his book: Now he says the war was a mistake? A day late and a dollar short, if you ask me.

One thing I've never been able to figure out is why everyone thought this guy was such a genius in the first place. After all, his main accomplishment at Ford was to introduce the Edsel.

LBJ was one who fell for the McNamara myth hook, line and sinker. After the first meeting of the Kennedy cabinet, Johnson rushed back to Sam Rayburn, bubbling with enthusiasm over how smart they all were, "especially the guy with the Stay-Comb in his hair" (i.e. McNamara).

Rayburn was less impressed. "Maybe so," he said, taking a long sip of bourbon-and-branch, "but I'd feel better if one of them had ever run for county sheriff before."

McNamara now says he kept silent because he didn't want to embarrass his president. So why didn't he speak out after LBJ left office? A lot of boys might have been saved, including my next-door neighbor, Larry Insull, who was killed in Saigon in 1969.

Or my cousin Tony, who died from a heroin habit he picked up in 'Nam two weeks after he got back.

Or my friend Mike Lyon, who went AWOL in 1967 after getting orders to ship out to 'Nam, and is still on the run from the FBI after all these years.

Or, for that matter, me. I heard a TV pundit crack last weekend that McNamara's book "makes me proud to have been a draft-dodger."

Good line, but it's not true. Can you imagine how painful it is to root against your own side? (Especially for us baby boomers, who were raised by our World War II-generation parents to be extremely patriotic.) Besides all the carnage, I can never forgive McNamara and his ilk for cheating us out of the chance to serve our country — except by opposing it.

If McNamara is truly looking for absolution, I suggest this penance: Let him say "I'm sorry" 4,058,000 times. That's for the 4 million Vietnamese killed, plus 58,000 Americans.

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Innocent Merriment: In happier news, the Lamplighters' production of "The Pirates of Penzance" (which I raved about a few weeks back) is so popular, they've had to add a special Saturday matinee on April 29.

I wish I could take the credit, but it's probably due to Mick LaSalle's review in the Chronicle, which was even more enthusiastic than mine, if possible.

Incidentally, the Lamplighters are off to England this summer, where they'll compete with Gilbert & Sullivan troupes from all over the world in a Victorian version of the Battle of the Bands.

A few spots for the general public are available for the trip, so if you want to tag along, call Lamplighters general manager John Alecca, at (415) 227-4797.

Meanwhile, after I raved about "The Pirates," a reader called and said, "If you think that was good, check out 'Singin' In The Rain,' at the Regional Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek." Well, I did. And while I have one quibble, I definitely recommend it.

First, the quibble: At three-plus hours, it's simply too long. The movie only took one hour, 45 minutes. If that's long enough for Gene Kelly, it's long enough for me.

And now, the good stuff: This is, after all, "Singin' In The Rain," which was only the greatest movie musical of all time. And this production lovingly recreates every dance number in the film, including "Fit As A Fiddle," "Make 'Em Laugh" and, of course, the title song. The nostalgia alone is worth the price of admission.

As might be expected of an amateur production, the acting is a bit uneven at times. But there's one actor whose performance is anything but amateur: Robert Menezes, who plays the Donald O'Connor part with a verve that even Donald might have envied. Remember that name: This guy is a comer.

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Finally, a word about Steve Stallone, who just lost his job as East Bay reporter for the Bay Guardian.

I've never met the man, but I remember what he wrote about me two years ago, when I lost my job at the Oakland Tribune. He wrote, "No great loss there!"

So how do I feel, now that the shoe's on the other foot?

To tell the truth, I think it's a great loss.

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Teen

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About 200 kids showed up and more were calling from Walnut Creek and San Francisco for directions. The police sent two reserves to the center and there were no major incidents, said Jones.

But Smalley said she knew some of the kids were high and there were 30-year-old men wandering in. To discourage drug dealing on the grounds, she told the kids there was a surveillance camera in the "forest," a dark stand of redwood trees next to the center, where trouble is most likely to occur. She said one of the bewildered police reserves later asked her who told the kids there was photo surveillance. "They won't go near the trees," he said.

Since the difficult first few weeks, Smalley has encouraged several changes at the center. The police are now regulars there, playing Ping-Pong with the kids. Smalley said she'd go out to the squad car every time she saw it in the parking lot and invite the officers in.

Spending time at the Teen Center is a good way for the police to build a relationship with the kids and overcome the "us-against-them" attitude, said Albany Police Officer Ron Bennett. "Instead of waiting for a problem...we want to work on prevention," he said.

The kids like playing games with the officers, said Smalley. "If you can beat a cop at Ping Pong, you can tell everyone," she said.

"I finally beat the 'king of the table' but now he wants a rematch," said Bennett, laughing.

BART

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"The committee is taking a more diligent approach in keeping track of projects," said Redevelopment Agency Manager Gerry Raycraft. "The committee will look at all of the projects over the next couple of months."

The El Cerrito project is considered to be moving slowly because BART's developer is moving slowly to obtain funding for the development of preliminary plans and because the company has been asked by the city to analyze whether the project could include a mixed income residential component rather than being 100 percent affordable.

Raycraft said, however, that "the CCTA has consistently felt that El Cerrito's project has moved along. The committee just doesn't want (anyone) to lose track of a project."

Raycraft said the committee is probably expecting to see some kind of formal application being submitted by the developer within the next two to three months in order to demonstrate that the project is making progress. He expects that will in fact occur.

The developer is working directly with BART by contract on a project plan for the site, not with the city of El Cerrito or its redevelopment agency.

For the city's part, said Raycraft, "I think probably we and the community want the formal environmental and planning process to start."

Lifelong El Cerrito residents, they'll continue their community involvement, Albert as a member of the El Cerrito Lions Club, Hank as a member of the Richmond Moose Lodge.

The brothers have not decided what to do with the nursery or property once they've cleaned out their inventory — probably by July or August. Edward's five children, Larry, Ted, Allan, Don and Sharon, and Henry's three, Pamela, Terry and Patty, range in careers from aeronautics to banking to education. Two are in related fields: Allan is in management at the Yard

Reform

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sored flier, giving candidates more space than the voter information pamphlet to express their positions, was made by Councilmember Robert Good at the February meeting. Brodsky said such a pamphlet would provide voters with a second exposure to candidates and issues, and would be issued closer to the voting date.

Zweben reported that such a mailer would probably be possible, but that the city would need to be careful with how city funds are used.

"It is not permissible for city to use public funds, in support of or opposition to an election matter," he said.

Brodsky suggested that the council take action on the long-term voting and mailer, but several council members preferred to have the advisory committee study the proposals.

Councilmember Elizabeth Baker said she wanted greater public involvement in the process of campaign reform. Councilmember Thelma Rubin expressed concern over possible lawsuits concerning the text of a campaign mailer.

"When the city puts something (a mailer) out, the public has a higher expectation of the standard," she said.

With the next election one year away, an advisory committee would have time to deal with the many

Creek

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in Richmond. All jurisdictions thus have interest in the creek; El Cerrito has had several discussions on its improvement in connection with a future vision for El Cerrito Plaza. Staff is currently drafting a Request for Proposals for design studies on the Plaza portion of the creek.

A different focus has become central for the mayors group, at least for the present time. "The San Francisco Estuary Institute has come forward and suggested that the cities might be interested in participating in a watershed awareness program," said El Cerrito city planner Ed Phillips. "We'll be looking into that at the staff level. I expect we'll be meeting with the staff of the institute in the near future to learn more about the program."

The "broader scope" of the creeks discussion is somewhat on hold while the mayors are concentrating on the watershed issue, Phillips said.

"We have a lot of things we want to work on; we decided to prioritize them," said LaForce. "Watershed awareness is where we want to start, helping people identify just where creeks are, why they're important in terms of aesthetic values, property values...and for reasons (related to) water quality."

Central to educational efforts from LaForce's viewpoint is the recognition of "what values the open creek systems have for the East Bay."

One major benefit, he said, is the way in which open creek restoration can fit in with the Clean Water Act mandates, set to ensure that the storm drain runoff is not polluted.

"This is a component of clean water compliance because preservation of natural waterways and the restoration of culverted natural streams is considered a best management practice for the program..." he said.

"In addition to being a neat idea (that) enhances...property and aesthetic values...it will help us come into compliance."

LaForce believes the direction of the committee is to focus on watershed awareness issues first, then to pursue initial issues of individual interest at the city level.

"We wanted to keep things as informal as possible," he said.

Although Smalley banters and plays with the kids, she has also set down rules for the center: no swearing, no disrespectful behavior, no prejudicial remarks or racism, and no coming in without saying hello to her. The rules haven't entirely caught on, but she hasn't given up. "They say they hate me; they call me the iron fist," she said, not bothered. "But they come back everyday."

She said the atmosphere at the center is much better now, because of both the active role of the police and her own changes.

"To a certain degree, the kids were testing me. They figured I was going to turn my head, and that wasn't going to happen," she said.

"They've got a good person in Leah Smalley," said Officer Bennett. "I'm working hard to keep up with her," he said.

Smalley sounds older than her 23 years and looks older too, with her strong, good-looking Mediterranean features from her Portuguese mother. She says what's on her mind ("I'm direct") and has a large, imposing figure.

She was born and raised in San Jose, in a middle class neighborhood, but was bused downtown to school and was a "tough kid," she said. She said she has been working since she was 13 years old — on a paper route, at Togo's and Just Desserts, at banks, as a telephone operator. She currently works part time at California Federal Bank.

The teen coordinator position is three-quarter time,

or 27 and one-half hours per week, and pays \$10 an hour from the budget of the Department of Social and Community Services. In 27 hours per week, she not only oversees the center, open from Monday to Friday, but also needs to handle membership applications, updating the membership brochure-writing, updating the membership applications, and general office work, said Jones, and Smalley is seeking volunteers.

Until now, the center, open from 3 to 5 p.m. weekdays, has offered drop-in activities for kids showing up each day to play pool, basketball, occasionally softball, but Smalley and Jones are planning organized sports and arts activities for the summer and wants to get a better idea of hours per day.

Some activities will charge a fee, and will be posted on one wall of the center, led by Leona di Prima, and clinics for volleyball, gymnastics, and aikido.

There will also be free crafts classes and softball leagues, hopefully sponsored by local businesses with yet-to-be found volunteers. Smalley is also planning camping trips for the summer and wants to get a better idea of hours per day.

"I don't want to turn anyone away who can't afford it," said Smalley, noting that these kids, who she calls "rough," aren't they're out on the street.

Folk

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took a course in writing novels.

What he learned about writing novels, you have to help the reader into the story. You have to be sympathetic with your characters. And you have to remember to enjoy in reading books.

"I am in an interesting position of having different types of writing: children's, adult's, and poetry. I don't know what the future, where my writing will take me."

Meanwhile, with a children's book novel coming out, Viking has just completed another book, this time a book for young

Birds; Pamela is a florist. None are interested in the nursery business.

Final decisions about the business cap. For now, the brothers are offering their stock to 40 percent sale on all their stock, which trees (from conifers to citrus to maples), more plants, statuary, tools and fertilizers.

For the most part, they are selling off Through June, however, they'll continue to new 4-inch color stock (annuals and perennials) as well as vegetables.

practical details of creating such a mailer, said Brodsky. "An advisory committee could bring a refined view," he said.

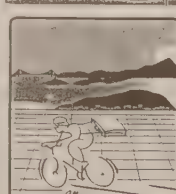
Brodsky sought input from the small group at the meeting, calling on regular members who had no comments. Resident Tom usually came forward, saying he would like impact of high spending on campaigns would support simple, broad measures to limit exposure to low-budget candidates.

Applications for the advisory committee description of the group's function will be at city hall next week, said Fields.

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A sylvan paradise in the hills



Tour takes us to secret gardens around East Bay

By Dennis Evanovsky

A garden celebrates the senses. The flowers' colors entertain the eye and their bouquet gladdens the sense of smell. The songs of birds and the rippling of water soothe the ears. The earth's texture pleases the touch and its fruits delight the taste buds.

But creating a garden takes a sixth sense. Meet Harian Hand. Hand, a Minnesota native, takes his inspiration from the Sierra. Walking through one of his creations, a visitor employs all five senses and certainly appreciates Hand's sixth sense. The muses, daughters of the goddess of memory, have especially inspired Hand in the design of Shaunce Powers' garden.

Powers' garden has sprung, like a well of hope, from the ashes of the 1981 firestorm. As Powers' visitors descend from the street, they are welcomed by the rush of a waterfall. The water invites them to look around at the profusion of fieldstones set among an array of textures and colors from the herbs and rhododendrons, and from a French pussy willow tree.

Entering the back garden, one

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visitors descending from the street into the garden will be welcomed by the rushing sounds of a waterfall. Six pools and trees create a profusion of textures and colors.

Proposed legislation takes aim at home mortgage interest writeoffs

Tax proposals now being floated on Capitol Hill to limit or eliminate the deductibility of mortgage interest could make the dream of home

ownership vanish for an entire generation of hardworking Americans, according to the Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR).

One proposal, by Senator Bob Packwood, R-Oregon, would eliminate the deductibility of mortgage interest on any amount of a home loan exceeding \$250,000. Another, by Rep. Richard Armey, R-Texas, would institute a flat income tax rate, effectively eliminating all itemized deductions — including the mortgage interest deduction.

"Congress is attacking Americans' ability to own a home," says Kevin Brown, president of the OAR. "Limiting the mortgage interest deduction is one more step toward eliminating American's incentive for home ownership. It is yet another government plan that increases the tax burden on the middle class," he adds.

Brown points out that more than 24 million American families each year would be affected by elimination of the mortgage interest deduction, and that first-time buyers will be hit more severely than owners of expensive homes. "Capping the deduction is clearly one step further

down the slippery slope of eliminating the deduction altogether," he said.

Research shows that elimination

middle-class issue. Of the 24 million Americans who take the mortgage interest deduction, more than half have household incomes of less

than \$50,000," says Brown. "These are families that will be more severely affected by eliminating the mortgage interest deduction,"

'Make no mistake — this is a middle-class issue.'

—KEVIN BROWN, PRESIDENT, OAKLAND ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

of the mortgage interest deduction will raise the cost of owning a home by as much as 33 percent. High income families, with greater savings' resources, will be able to handle the rising cost of home ownership, however, the budgets of many middle-class families could not handle such a dramatic rise in the single largest monthly expense they have.

In addition, elimination of the deductions will have a devastating effect on the value of American homes. Industry analysts predict elimination could reduce home values by as much as 20 percent. "To first-time buyers, that means starting to climb the housing ladder more than 20 percent in the hole," said Brown.

"Make no mistake, this is a

he said.

"Owning a home is more than a financial decision — it's a quality of life issue. Communities with high ownership rates have higher levels of social and political participation," says Brown.

Home ownership represents a stake in the neighborhood and in the community. Home equity, built up by home owners over a period of years, is also the largest savings vehicle for more Americans, says Brown. "Along with financial security and education, surveys show that home ownership is the most important component of achieving the American Dream," he said.

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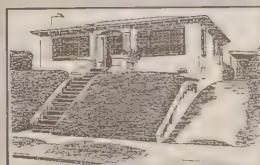
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Better Homes Realty president Ron Morck presents a plaque to top producer Nahid Nassiri in honor of her achievement.

Rooms come alive with recycled collectibles

By Betty Mertens

You could be living in a gold mine and not even know it. A gold mine for decorating ideas, that is.

With a little imagination, you can make rooms come alive with what were once prime candidates for the next garage sale. Recycled collections and treasured heirlooms can be charming additions to a traditional scheme or can add a touch of originality to contemporary decor without creating a cluttered look. The key is recognizing their decorating potential.

One family's hobby was travel. They collected a board game from each of the many countries they visited. They cleverly framed the primary-colored boards and grouped them on one wall of the family room. The result was playful, yet cosmopolitan.

Another client had an armful of campy, decorated conch shells and countless jars of other shells col-

Interior Design

lected during frequent trips to Sanibel Island. These were transformed into another triumph. The owner of this collection lived in a suburban high-rise, about as far as you can get from the sugary sands of Sanibel.

But the shells looked right at home on an 8-inch-high raised platform, painted white, at the end of the living room next to a picture window overlooking a river. Bleached floors, rattan furniture, 4-foot palms and the rosy pinks and peaches of the shell collection completed the year-round

Florida Room. Singular treasures: a playful "personal room" a white painted sitting gracefully against the sun-washed family room, one of the paintings proudly displayed in the corner of a or a hand-stitched folded lovingly at the old four-poster bed. Memorabilia can make an expedition to your attic.

Your home has assured possessions, and "undiscovered," provide the nucleus for a sign approach or a pe to a look you'll enjoy home.

Betty Mertens is a designer with Decorative She can be reached at



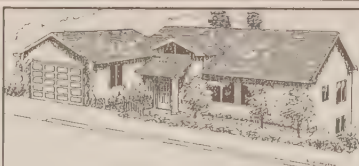
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Montclair estate, flooded with sunshine. Remodeled 4BR, 4BA, den, family room, 2nd kitchen. HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

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Piedmont Pines. Montclair open home. Bridges, bay & cove view! Remodeled, spacious! HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

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Upper Rockridge. New construction. Stunning architectural details. Bay views! CAROL COHEN 339-8400

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Piedmont's finest contemporary. Private gylvan setting, move-in condition. HARRY KRESS 339-8400

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\$20,000 reduction! Alameda Gold Coast Queen Anne w/ updated kitchen, double parlors plus family room, lovely flrs, DR, brkfst rm, full basement. Open Sun. 2-4:30. EDITH MARCUS 339-4000

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Eleg & cas rms 4 every need. Potent. au-pair, in-law! home offc. Artistically updated, retains trad. charm. Grt flr plan, 10,000 sf, landscaped yd. Open Sun. 2-4:30. CAROLYNN HARTLEY 339-4000

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Pastoral view from huge 3BR, 2BA master unit plus 3 spacious 2's. Superb condition & tenants. D. C. HODGES 339-8400

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Let me roam on this 1+ acre of choice level and terraced land plus spacious home w/fam rm, sun rm, 30 ft living room, and 4 bedrooms - you must see it! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

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Sunny & spacious trad. flr plan, formal LR/DR, hwd flrs, 2nd flrs w/fam rm, view, level yard. MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

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Perfect Piedmont border 4-plex. Huge units feature fireplaces, FDRs, hardwood floors. Yard, laundry, parking. Come see! 533 Crofton. Open Sun. 2-4:30. M. J. MCCONVILLE 339-4000

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Super value 3BR plus rumpus yard main fl B/R FDR. Lrg fam kit, buyers have moved & are ready to talk. Bring all offers, call today. HAL MARCUS 339-9281

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Authentic craftsman brown shingle, loads of built-ins & woodwork. Garden! 5BR, 2BA. JEFF HILGERT 339-8400

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Outstanding buy in prestigious Crocker Highlands. Your taste and upgrades to this 3BR, 2BA mini estate will make you happy and proud to be so smart. JODY EDMONSON 287-9582

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Consummate 1910 craftsman farm house on 1/3 acre in desirable San Leandro North area. Original details & tasteful upgrades. 5BR, library, solarium, fam rm & more! EARLE SHENK 339-4000

2320 LEIMERT, OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$349,000
Charming traditional w/view of city, spacious & sunny rooms, formal dining. Flexible floor plan. MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

QUIET ROCKRIDGE CUL-DE-SAC \$340,000
Traditional floor plan and lovely setting for this well maintained 3BR, 3BA home. TOM NEMETH 339-8400

WOODSY PIEDMONT SETTING \$333,000
Best Piedmont value. This 4BR home is close to schools. 2 story spacious home w/ftrpls, hardwood under carpet, back yard with wooded setting. ROSEMARY GREENE 339-4000

2-STORY BROWN SHINGLE \$329,000
Montclair 3BR, 2.5BA, full of architectural detail & elegance. Au-pair unit, max privacy, move-in right away. MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

2989 BUTTERS DR. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$328,000
Oakland hills bay view beauty with sauna. Built 1990. Vaulted ceilings/drmal JAN NEFF 339-8400

5710 MORAGA AVE., OPEN SUN. 2-4:30 \$319,000
Piedmont side of Montclair. Parklike on 4 acre. Designer remodel. So private! STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400

ONLY A FOOL \$315,000
Would miss seeing this home in this location! 3BR and huge fam rm out to sunny yard! Prime Oakmore location-perfect for SF commute. Call for info! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

5620 HARBORD DR., OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$310,000
Upper Rockridge. Charming. Much bigger than it looks. Don't just drive by. TOM NEMETH 339-8400

ON THE LAKE OF MERRITT \$299,000
Contractor's special, lots of potential. Old mansion, zoned for multiple units. MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

CONVENIENT & COST EFFECTIVE \$298,000
Charming trad. duplex in ideal Rockridge loc. nr everything. Beaut hwd flrs, bnt & spac. rms, lower unit w/ftrpls, brt yard w/storage & garage w/long drwy. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

CHOICE SETTING \$289,000
See skyline from Piedmont Pines style, lovely contemp in the woods. Spac. rms w/hardwood floors thruout, LR w/beam ceilings, flrpls & deck, updated kit w/skylights. Huge rec rm w/fireplace, wet bar & DR. Open Sun. 2-4:30. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

NEW LISTING! DUPLEX LAKESHORE \$289,000
Charming, a must see. Large 1BR units with fireplace, garage, parking, laundry. Needs TLC. HAL MARCUS 339-9281

7851 SURREY LN, OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$287,300
Sequoyia Hills family home. Totally redone with quality. Quiet neighborhood. VICKIE CHAN CASE 339-8400

CENTRAL REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$285,000
Charm personifies this 4BR traditional home with large rumpus or home office. Great level yard. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

GLENVIEW CLASSIC \$279,500
Restored to perfection! 4BR, 2.5BA. Family + formal dining, new kitchen, level out yard & garage. HAL CASTLE 339-8400

VU, LEVEL-OUT, GARDEN, PRIVACY \$279,500
Beautifully maintained, yesteryear charm, perfect setting! 1st time on mkt in many yrs. 2+BR, 1+BA. RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

DANVILLE'S BEST BUY \$277,900
Now reduced by \$10,000! If the best schools are what you seek, this is it! Well maintained 3 (or 4) BR on 1/3 acre. Open Sun. 2-4:30. HAL MARCUS 287-5886

3044 WISCONSIN ST. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$274,900
Spacious traditional w/new kitchen/fam room level out to pretty fenced yard. Extra large garage. RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

FRESH AS A DAISY \$269,500
1 level 4BR, 2.5BA ranch on corner lot w/mk bck yd & rm 4 your vegetable garden. Open Sun. 2-4:30. EDITH MARCUS 287-5886

TRADITION IN AN IDEAL SETTING \$269,000
The perfect spot to raise a family. 3BR, 2BA on a large level lot. Dining room & family room are great for family entertaining. Move-in condition! Open Sun. 2-4:30. MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

MONTCLAIR TRADITIONAL \$269,000
Lush garden & creekside setting draw you to this 2BR split-level. Hardwood floors, remodeled kit! LYN MURRAY 339-8400

A RARE FIND! \$259,900
Montclair Hills cozy, homey cottage with character. New bath, updated kitchen. 2+BR, 2BA. JAN NEFF 339-8400

MONTCLAIR SECURED JEWEL \$259,500
Just listed! Spacious & remodeled, large lot. Huge family room, 2BR, 1.5BA. 2 fireplaces! HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

505 LAGUNA RIA, OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$245,000
Alameda TH-beauty, privacy, convenience, best upgrades, 2 mstr stes, dbl, garage, FDR, fireplace. MARLA RANDA 339-8400

UPPER ROCKRIDGE LUXURY \$239,000
Claremont Country Club living at its best. Panoramic city views, marble fireplace & more! STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400

3467 JORDAN RD., OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$233,000
Redwood Heights. Best buy. All level. Big garden, lovely family home for wheelchair access. CARIN CAROE 339-8400

4120 39TH AVE. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$227,500
Redwood Heights. Bay views. Large gourmet kitchen. 2 car garage. Private yard. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

WOODSY SETTING-CONVENIENCE \$215,000
Crocker area's only condos; last one! Truly gorgeous & perfect 2BR, 2BA, den, fireplace, laundry. D. C. HODGES 339-8400

COMFORTABLE LIVING \$199,000
Great split-level, ranch style fam home in wonderful neighborhood. Spac. LR w/DN area, lrg fam rm w/ftrpls, eat-in kit w/dk, mstr ste, w/prvt bath. Priced for fast sale! Open Sun 2-4:30
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

BEST BUY \$199,000
You won't believe the amount of room in this Laurel traditional on pretty tree-lined street. 3+BR, gorgeous oak floors, eat-in kitchen, sunny yard. Open Sun. 2-4:30. M. J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

UPSCALE AND TRADITIONAL \$191,500
You'll love this classic Glenview home w/updated kitchen and baths. Large rooms sep dining & breakfast rms & great area priced to sell now! Open Sun. 2-4:30. JODY EDMONSON 287-9582

EASTERN STYLE CONDO \$189,500
Panoramic Rose Garden views! FDR, state-of-the-art kitchen with bath area & more CAROL COHEN 339-8400

NEW LISTING, CHARMING \$189,000
Very charming. Light, sunny, clean home. Private yard w/fruit trees and flowers. Walk to Solano Ave. and shops. Priced to sell. SAM GHADERI 531-6712

MAXWELL PARK \$179,000
4BR, 2BA, formal dining. Renewed hardwood, bay view! Teenage quarters, yard, deck, garage. HAL CASTLE 339-8400

CHARM ABOUND \$179,000
Pristine English tudor. Immaculate inside & out. Wow, what a garden! Located on Simi's Knoll in Maxwell Park. Enjoy the view from your breakfast room. MICHAEL HARDING 654-2669

PERFECT VIEW & WALK TO BART \$175,000
Urban lake-side setting yet minutes to SF at 1/3 of city prices! Huge 2BR, 2BA, 52-ft balcony! D. C. HODGES 339-8400

IMMACULATE STARTER HOME \$173,000
Laurel/Diamond area. 2BR, 1BA, sunny bungalow. Charm abounds. Fabulous floor plan. Move-in condition. VICKIE CHAN CASE 339-8400

2 LEVEL PENTHOUSE-REDUCED \$169,900
Piedmont Ave. area. Luxury penthouse. 2 master suites, lrg kit w/eating area, fireplace. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

5008 MANILA AVE. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$169,500
Upper Temescal. Bring all offers-owner motivated. Pest clearance. New roof, etc. KEN FERRELL 339-8400

4637 FIELDBROOK, OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$209,000
Bright & sunny Redwood Hts home. Many upgrades, located on cul-de-sac. NANCY DONNELLY 339-8400

1042 UNDERHILLS RD., OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$209,000
Crocker Highlands. Walk to excellent school, SF bus & stops. Quiet setting! LYN MURRAY 339-8400

UPPER LAUREL \$199,000
Excellent location at bargain price. 2BR, nice yard. Charming bungalow. Hardwood floors, lrg gar. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

3825 HIGH ST. #106, OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$153,000
Redwood Heights area. Lovely condo, level-in, lots of storage, parking, hill view. 2BR, 2BA. NICK LAVROV 339-8400

OWNER MAY CARRY FIRST \$149,500
Chinatown expansion district. Huge craftsman, authentic grn. Beams, hardwood, full attic. D. C. HODGES 339-8400

ON A CLEAR DAY SEE FARRALLS \$145,000
Over 1.2 acres. Adjoins green belt, spectacular San Francisco Bridge & Bay view. Owner may carry. ED LINDORFER 339-8400

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Beautifully remodeled, exceptionally large 2BR, 2BA. Extra mstr ste! Priced under market! HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

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China Hill cheapie. Honest 2+BR, 1BA bungalow. Light, clean, simple & delightful! Bus at door! D. C. HODGES 339-8400

3745 LINWOOD, OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$130,000
Glenview special classic 1920's bungalow. Move-in condition! Great yard. HARRIET SCHÖEN 339-8400

TOP FLOOR CONDO W/LAKE VIEW \$130,000
Spac. & bright, lv rm w/ftrpls, balcony & track lighting, adjointg patio, eat-in kit, MB w/private bath. Priced far below its value! Don't miss out. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

SEE SKYLINE & LAKE VIEW \$130,000
From bright & spacious 2BR, 2BA condo. LR w/ftrpls & balcony track lighting, eat-in kit, mstr ste w/prvt bath. Conveniently close to shopping, cinema & hwy's. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

ONE OF A KIND! \$130,000
Claremont Knolls. Bay/Mt. Tam views. Great neighborhood. Entrances from 2 sides. CARIN CAROE 339-8400

SPRING INTO THESE SAVINGS \$129,000
Leap on over to this charming bungalow above MacArthur and personality. This 2BR, 1BA is priced to sell w/potential gains! today for details. Open Sun. 2-4:30. ROSEMARY GREENE 339-8400

SELL OR LEASE-1608 SQ FT! \$124,500
Giveaway price for huge 2BR, 2BA full security "sky home." Elegant hi-rise, doorman, BART! D. C. HODGES 339-8400

REDUCED AGAIN-BRING OFFERS \$120,000
Best buy around! 3BR, rented \$750/mo. Will give best possible sell "as is." KEN FERRELL 339-8400

VERY GENTLE DOWN THEN LEVEL \$109,000
Seller out of country. Very motivated. May carry, may subdivide. 80-ft frontage fire lot cleared. ED LINDORFER 339-8400

DOWNSLOPE PARTIAL BAY VIEW \$99,000
Owner very motivated. May carry 1st or 2nd. May subdivide. Orig. arch. will re-do plans. ED LINDORFER 339-8400

BLDG LOT READY FOR PERMITS \$89,500
Owner Engineer has plans ready for permits. Owner will reduce rate. Very motivated. ED LINDORFER 339-8400

NEARLY 1/4 ACRE \$85,000
Gentle downslope, double wide lot in rapidly rebuilding area near U.C. Berkeley & Rockridge. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

REALLY A JEWEL! \$84,000
Montclair hills. Peaceful, restful seclusion. Nearly level. 2000 sq ft with partial bay view. JAN NEFF 339-8400

SPECIAL 4 BLDGS & DEVL \$79,500
Purchase 3, 4, or 5 parcels using only one power pole. Great location. All utilities. Agent may help finance. A real opportunity for you. ED LINDORFER 339-8400



See hundreds of roses in bloom

The East Bay Rose Society, the local chapter of the American Rose Society, will hold its annual Rose Show on May 6 and 7 at the Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt Park, Oakland. The hours are Saturday, 1-5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The show is open to the public, and admission is free.

This show is one of the largest formal ARS exhibitions in the Bay Area. Nearly 1,000 roses from all the major rose families (Modern, Miniature, Old-Fashioned, and Shrub Roses) will be displayed by over 60 of the East Bay's top rose exhibitors.

There will be over 100 specimen classes (single-stem roses), and many feature exhibits, including Bouquet categories, Rose Arrangements (Sunday only), Most Fragrant Rose, Rose in a Bowl, a

Non-Member Class, and more. Official ARS judges will award prizes to the best in each class.

Included will be an informal, non-judged section called "Roses to Share," and an educational display on Rose Breeding, by local hybridizer Harvey Davidson.

For the first time this year, roses will be exhibited by East Bay elementary school students participating in "Project Rosebud." This community project was organized by member Tim Aaronson, to introduce children to the pleasures of growing roses.

Chapter members will be present to answer questions about growing and exhibiting roses. There will be membership information available, roses and other items for sale, and free catalogues from local and mail-order rose suppliers.

Seminar

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able professionals to help prospective buyers obtain a better understanding of the homebuying process. The panel will also include representatives from the City of Oakland and Emeryville first-time homebuyer programs.

The presentation will include: current programs available, what it takes to qualify, what an agent does, credit, title insurance and the importance of home inspections. The panel discussion will be followed by roundtable discussions where buyers can get pre-qualified, and ask specific questions of the participating experts.

OAR President Kevin Brown said, "This coalition of real estate professionals is working together

to help all interested homebuyers receive the information and knowledge they need to navigate through the complex homebuying process. I encourage any interested member of the community to participate in this event."

The seminar partnership, organized by the Oakland Association of Realtors, includes: the City of Oakland, Anderson & Associates representing the City of Emeryville, Bank of America, Citibank, Custom Financial, Fidelity Title and First American Title Company.

The program will be conducted in English; however, there will be representatives available who speak Spanish and Cantonese.

For more information and to reserve a space, call 836-3000.



Jeff Lindquist

Goldfish swim in the pool which is ringed by strawberry and raspberry plants. The flinty hue of fieldstones contrasts with colorful herbs and rhododendrons. On another level grow apple, pear, and peach trees.

teachers engage their students with hands-on, child-centered activities."

"Our goal is to make school fun so that children will leave the school with a lifelong desire to learn."

Little also hopes that the school's garden tour will continue to be as much fun now as it has been in past years.

Festive carpooling will be the order of the day as most guests arrive wearing flowered hats and sensible shoes. Those armed with sketchbooks and cameras will have

the unique opportunity to put their artistic skills to good use.

Included on the map of the self-guided tour will be the garden of a landmark Maybeck house, a ramble through "garden rooms" reminiscent of the lush South, and a garden overlooking Wildcat Canyon. Garden designers, landscape architects, and other experts in the field of horticulture will speak on garden-related subjects throughout the day.

The tour begins (rain or shine) at the Park Day School, 370 43rd St.

in Oakland at 9 a.m. The gardens will be open until 5 p.m. Box lunches will be available for \$6. The gardens are not stroller or wheelchair accessible.

For more information or ticket purchases call the Park Day School at 653-0317.

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FIRST TIME OPEN OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 1864 GRANDVIEW - SF Bay view - Lovely 3BD, 3BA townhome. Large master suite with fireplace, spa tub & walk-in closet. Gourmet kitchen. OLLIE HAMMERL \$469,000
- 45 WILLOW - Piedmont new listing - 2 story Dutch colonial. Gardener's delight, 3+ bedrooms, 1+ bath, detached 2 car garage. RUBY NG \$409,000
- 5546 KALES AVENUE - Brown shingle - Rockridge beauty! 4BD, 2BA, level yard and wonderful home office space. New on the market. Sharp! TERRY KULKA \$399,000
- 84 STARVIEW - New Hiller listing - 3BD, 2.5BA townhouse - decorator perfect with view of bay, Oakland, and trees. 2 fireplaces, skylights, many nice touches. OLLIE HAMMERL \$349,500
- 2143 MAGELLAN DRIVE - New Montclair listing - Charming home with modern updated eat-in kitchen. Remodeled bath, sunny park-like setting with terraced gardens. SHERRY BENNINGER \$309,000
- 3750 HARRISON #205 - Harrison House - Light, bright and spacious 2BD, 2BA condo in convenient area. Easy commute to SF, close to transportation & Piedmont Ave. PHYLLIS MILENBACH \$129,950

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 100 HAZEL LANE - PIEDMONT 3BD, 2.5BA \$675,000 VICTOR FIERRO
- 17 BAY FOREST DR. - OAKLAND/BERKELEY 3BD, 2.5BA \$495,000 DARCY DIAMANTINE
- 314 PACIFIC AVE. - PIEDMONT 2+BD, 2BA \$469,000 PAT WHITTINGLOW
- 6529 ASCOT DR. - PIEDMONT PINES 3BD, 2BA \$355,000 JUDY RANKANKAN
- 5961 RINCON DR. - MONTCLAIR 3BD, 2BA \$349,000 NANCY DICKEY
- 7110 THORNHILL - MONTCLAIR 4BD, 2BA \$339,000 VICKY FAULK
- 1538 TREBLE GLEN - CROCKER HIGHLDS 3BD, 1.5BA \$329,000 ADRIANA GIACOMELLI
- 7505 SKYLINE BLVD. - MONTCLAIR 3BD, 2BA \$319,000 VICTOR FIERRO
- 7 TRUITT LANE - UPPER ROCKRIDGE 3BD, 2.5BA \$309,000 MICHAEL THOMPSON
- 5918 MARDEN LN. - MONTCLAIR HTS. 4BD, 3BA \$269,000 DELL M. ORR
- 9 EL CARMELO CIRCLE - REDWOOD HTS. 3BD, 1.5BA \$259,000 GEORGE KARSANT
- 60 QUAIL AVENUE - BERKELEY HILLS 2BD, 1BA \$259,000 TRICIA SWIFT
- 1262 CLARKE LN. - ALAMEDA 3BD, 2.5BA \$249,000 FRITZ HOCHFELNER
- 4638 GERANUM PL. - REDWOOD HTS. 3BD, 1.5BA \$249,000 RUTH LOCKHART
- 303 ADAMS #407 - OAKLAND 1BD, 1BA \$99,500 DONNA RANSELM

BY APPOINTMENT • 339-1174

OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

- MAGNIFICENT VIEWS \$845,000 Fabulous 5BD, 3BA dramatic high quality contemporary by architect David Baker. SF & bay views, gourmet kitchen, soaring ceilings, yard, pool & hot tub. Dian Hymer
- PIEDMONT \$625,000 One level home on large lot. Formal entry, vaulted ceilings, 2 fireplaces, pool and pool house. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. George Karsant
- PIEDMONT \$569,000 Charming cape Cod in sought after location. Separate studio with exterior access, great for home office. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. George Karsant
- ALAMEDA \$429,900 4BD, 2BA in the Gold Coast district. Large level yard with playground, updated baths, deck off family room & partial basement. Kevin McMullen
- NEW PRICE! AMBIENCE! \$409,500 Good natural light. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, big kitchen, French doors. Enjoy your latte in the cozy breakfast area or on the patio table. Ruby Ng
- PRIVATE & SUNNY \$369,500 Charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath contemporary on cul-de-sac. Custom kitchen, master bedroom retreat, 2 decks, hot tub. Dian Hymer
- CHABOT HIGHLANDS Absolutely divine custom ranch with 3+ bedrooms, 2+ baths, master bedroom, dining room, eat-in kitchen, grand lanai & more! Ruth Lockhart
- LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$279,900 Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath traditional home with south bay view. Second nonconforming living space - nice backyard. Norm Robinow
- ULTIMATE CO-OP LIVING \$235,000 Fabulous lake and hill view. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths co-op. Teak parquet floors. Corian in kitchen, 24-hour doorman. Phyllis Milenbach
- BROOKLYN DISTRICT \$199,500 Large two story brown shingle home. 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Hardwood floors, formal dining room and basement. Victor Fierro
- FRUITVALE DISTRICT \$173,000 Comfortable 2 bedroom, 1 bath home in creekside setting. Second bedroom large enough to use as family room. Evelyn Walker
- 2 STORY TOWNHOUSE \$149,900 Great value! 3BD, 2.5BA, living rm w/fireplace. Detached 1 car garage & security gate. Norm Robinow

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 770 CRAGMONT - BERKELEY 4BR/3BA \$659,000 TINA ENSIGN
- 568 ARLINGTON - BERKELEY 2 HOUSES \$569,000 GABY BARBARA
- 524 GRIZZLY PEAK - BERKELEY 4BR/2BA \$449,500 GILDA/CHERYL
- 3004 DANA - BERKELEY 2+BR/2BA \$212,000 MELISSA LYCKBERG
- 1600 CURTIS - BERKELEY 2+BR/1BA \$198,000 JEANNE MCHUGH
- 1602 JAYNES - BERKELEY 2BR/1BA \$209,500 MONA THOMPSON
- 1369 BERKELEY WAY - BERKELEY 2BR/1BA \$159,000 KIM MARIENTHAL
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By Don and Dave Runyan

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The completed well is four feet

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Nets and webs are new tools of the trade

By H.W. Moss

The world network of interconnected computers is reaching its electronic fingers into the real estate industry.

And real estate professionals have responded by jumping onto the net with both feet. As a result, they are coming up with creative uses for what promises to be the largest communication and information resource of the next century.

Many offices have already installed Local Area Networks (LAN) within the business environment which support work stations connected to a server. LANs have earned their keep and work a lot better than they did just five years ago. They have become less

expensive, easier to operate and more efficient.

Via modem, a LAN assists the real estate professional in accessing the tools of the trade including multiple sales services, data bases detailing ownership records and in finding comparable sales information. Soon, lenders, appraisers and title companies will be "on line," as they say.

But outside the office, the rest of the world is fast becoming electronically linked on the Internet much the same way individual terminals are connected to the main server in a LAN.

This linking is done by calling in to a network either directly or indirectly on an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Gateway to Internet
At the risk of offending those

familiar with the distinction, an ISP is a gateway to the Internet and other networks. Users can join CompuServe, Prodigy or America OnLine for a monthly fee.

Now, there are plenty of networks out there which promise a variety of benefits and many ISPs looking for your business. It is not our place to recommend one over another except to point out that real estate is a category or "site" on many networks.

After logging onto a network, callers select a utility which allows them to do any number of things. They can browse sites, read their local newspaper, search for articles on a specific subject or send and receive electronic mail (E-mail).

For business purposes, however, the Internet remains a chal-

lenge. Although it will probably be the business tool mankind pressed to figure out utility toward economic growth. And the question of becoming connected help sales people. But that's only the tip of the iceberg in its nascent state.

"It's a new medium, essentially, Alfred Dandoy, representing representatives of Online Communications in San Jose. "But the future. We're at a crossroads when the time came out."

The real estate professional

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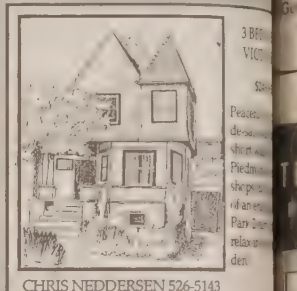
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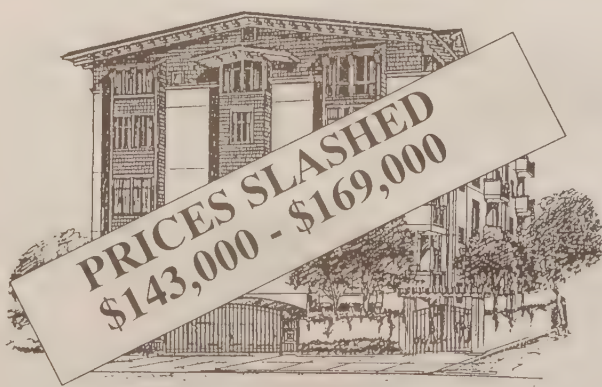
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People

Grubb & Ellis names Lisa Goens regional public relations director

Grubb & Ellis has announced the appointment of Lisa Goens as director of public relations for the firm's Pacific Northwest Region, which includes offices in northern California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Goens brings 10 years of real estate communications and public relations experience to the new position.

Goens comes to Grubb & Ellis from Corporate Homes of America, a San Ramon-based firm that specializes in corporate relocation, where she served as national communications manager. Prior positions include marketing manager with Coldwell Banker Residential's Northwest Regional Office and project manager for the Lenexa, Kansas-based public relations firm, Austin Group.

Goens' educational background includes a bachelor of science degree in journalism and mass communications from Kansas State University, and she is presently completing a masters degree in mass communications at San Jose State University. Goens is a member of the San Francisco chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

Goens' responsibilities in her



Lisa Goens

newly created position will include promoting the expertise of Grubb & Ellis' personnel and real estate information, public and media relations, and regional marketing and advertising efforts. Her duties will also include communicating information regarding the company's recent accomplishments as well as serving the needs of Grubb & Ellis' corporate and institutional clientele.

Webs

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find that real estate-related web sites already exist under such topics as global guide, discussion groups, news, research and data. Web sites are locations for specific users on the Internet with a server that has been set up for people to access their information.

"Most of the internet is public domain but some sites, in order to get access to it, you pay a nominal fee," said Dandoy.

In addition to web sites, there are currently a number of utilities on the internet that are useful for real estate people. Internet Relay Chat (IRC) is a real time way to talk with anyone around the world. Instead of calling long distance, users link on the Internet. Since they are usually charged a flat monthly fee by their ISP, long distance calls are essentially free.

The drawback is that an IRC does not have voice communication. People must type messages to one another.

The Web

The World Wide Web (WWW), or "Web" in user parlance, is another utility on the net that real estate people have discovered. Users create a Home Page on the

Web which others access via an address.

According to a representative at Sirius, an ISP in San Francisco, businesses are flocking to get a Home Page because it has high resolution graphics. Thus, Home Pages place pictures, a logo or a product in front of the caller and give them access to what the company does, from Godiva chocolates to BMW dealerships, as well as methods for ordering products.

But unlike radio or TV which delivers a message, the Web relies on users making the call to get

know people on the Web will call. Realtors, or any entrepreneurial business person for that matter, basically piggyback their promotional pieces onto another more widely distributed address.

Another popular utility is E-mail, and at least one real estate professional in Berkeley, Ira Serkes, is publicizing his E-mail and Home Page address.

"In order to send or receive electronic mail you need an Internet address such as HomeRealtr@AOL.COM," said Serkes, giving out his own ad-

Research and data retrieval is one of the primary benefits of the linking onto the network.

Gopher is a browser utility that provides a hierarchical listing of information on whatever subject you want. Another is USENET news groups which has over 14,000 categories containing articles from around the world.

Future uses

There are plenty of other future uses for the real estate professional on the network.

"You will be able to see live videotape of the property from the network," said Gabriele Meiringer, owner of The Writers' Computer Store in Sausalito. Meiringer envisions worldwide access to multiple listing services, not just the local association's listings.

Dandoy said he agrees but with some reservations.

"I think eventually, yes. But you need a really high band width to facilitate that. On the World Wide Web, for example, you have sound and graphics and you can get your newspaper in the morning, all of the articles. Right now it's a free service, but I heard the San Jose Mercury News is going to charge \$4.95 for this starting April 17."

And there is a drawback in terms of the human element.

"Sitting in front of the computer would have helped me collect data, but it's a double-edged sword," Meiringer said. "That will eliminate some of the lovely hands-holding that goes along with buying property. The human touch is not discernable out of a bulletin board."

There are a variety of Internet guides, such as The Internet Yellow Pages, available at local bookstores, including B. Dalton Book-sellers. Ironically, these yellow pages are not online.

H.W. Moss is a Realtor and freelance writer.

'We're at a point comparable to when the telephone just came out.'

—ALFRED DANDOY, NETCOM ONLINE COMMUNICATION SERVICES, SAN JOSE

a Home Page. This can be a problem for the creator of the Home Page because the caller must know the electronic address, a long, complicated alpha-numeric sequence, in order to receive the message. It may not be feasible to disseminate an address to a large potential audience.

One solution is to link a Home Page to another more popular page on the same subject which you

dress.

Serkes described a Home Page as being like an interactive piece of paper with text and pictures. Users navigate within it and can use it to send E-mail to the owner.

"This technology provides a remarkable opportunity for buyers and sellers who expect high levels of communication and expertise from their realtor," he said.

Serkes' Home Page includes information on his services and a list of quotes from past satisfied clients.

"I've seen some brokers list all the houses they have on the market," said Serkes. "I'm exploring moving information over the Internet without changing the format of the brochure the caller receives. And there's no reason why a borrower should have to go to the lender's office in order to fill out the forms. It can all be done at home via the Internet."

Serkes said one problem will be security of sensitive information, especially credit card numbers. That is because the Internet was designed to be free and open.

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Strap your water heater

Editor:

We are heading toward a time when there will likely be an East Bay earthquake of large proportion. The engineering community has said that this is nearly inevitable in the next 30 years and quite likely in the next 10, owing to the lack of activity on the Hayward fault over the last 100 years of so. The Loma Prieta quake of '89 may seem like only a mild tremor by comparison. This is not doom-saying, but a likely scenario for East Bay residents.

In my business, I have seen the underside of many homes here and have found most of the houses to be ill-prepared for such an eventuality. What I would like to see avoided by all of us home and property owners are the fires caused by unstrapped water heaters. Water heaters are quite heavy when full of water and have tremendous moving force in an earthquake. A water heater can easily rip open the gas line it's connected to. This can cause

either a fire or an explosion or both. Lots of houses are likely to be burned down by this effect in the next earthquake.

You should find out how to turn your gas off and designate a tool to this job by placing it permanently by the outside shut-off. This will help if the gas line is broken and you can get to it. But what if you're trapped in the house or under it? What if you're out of town? The only way to be relatively sure this won't happen is to strap the water heater. Use a good quality strap from a hardware or plumbing supply. Fasten it with metal tie rods to some nearby framing so that you cannot push the water heater around at all. You may want to have a professional do this. The job should cost around \$100.

Please don't use plumber's tape or another flimsy or weak type of strapping. Remember, the water heater weighs around 400 pounds and with a moderate amount of force provided by the slipping of a fault, your water

heater could easily rip most weak straps.

If your water heater is located in a living space such as a closet near the kitchen, you have another type of concern. Water heaters can come flying out of their closets or burst through weak walls and sheet rock as easily as out of the weak plumber's tape.

Furthermore, should the unit burst in motion, the ensuing flood of hot water could burn persons nearby.

When the inevitable quake strikes, our emergency services are going to be strained severely and forced to leave many homes to burn. Help yourself and all your neighbors by strapping your water heater and leaving emergency personnel available for other pursuits. Your gas water heater is a useful but dangerous device. Please ... keep it in its place.

Matt G. Cantor
Cantor Inspections & Design

Contempt for tenants

Editor:

In their March 24 column, the Hendricks show why Realtors' ethics, like military justice, is a contradiction in terms.

According to the state-licensed Hendricks, landlords should hire unlicensed contractors to do building work illegally, without building permits and inspections, thus risking the safety of the tenants when defective electrical or plumbing work is done and hidden away in the walls where no one can see it until too late.

According to the Hendricks, if the Rent Board tries to prevent this by requiring that owners get permits for repair work, it is a conspiracy that "rented properties will fall into disrepair" and "the tenants who occupy them can buy the buildings at huge discounts," as if buildings in disrepair are some kind of bargain that we squalid tenants enjoy living in.

The Hendricks' version of "fairness" shows their contempt

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Session is from South Central Los Angeles where he attended high school and was an All-City football player. He also spent five years in the United States Navy before becoming one of the most successful young agents in the Oakland area.

Session is an active member of the Associated Real Property Brokers, where he has been a member for five years, and now serves as its first vice president. He is married to the former Kimberly Murrey and they have two daughters, Kandis and Victoria.

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Teri L. Brown has joined Session Real Estate as manager of operations. Brown brings to the company an extensive escrow background. She has been affiliated with several title and escrow companies throughout the Oakland and Alameda County areas.

Brown is a lifelong resident of Oakland. She attended the College of Holy Names where she majored in political science. She has also been first vice president of the Alameda County Escrow Association.

Brown will be in charge of all office procedures as well as escrow management.

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New listing! Stunning, quality contemporary with bay views. Joan Daniel | 5081 PARKRIDGE DR., PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2+BA
Charming cape cod, 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA, hwd flrs, lg corner lot. M. Hirsch |
| 58 WILDWOOD GARDENS, PIEDMONT - 5BD/3BA - \$869,500
Lovely trad, spacious rooms, beautiful mature gardens. Sandi Klemmer | 4101 39TH AVENUE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/2+BA
Reduced! Remod. with custom everything! Bay view, 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA |
| 73 CALVERT COURT, PIEDMONT - 4BD/3BA - \$629,000
Elegant and pristine, cook's kitchen, well landscaped. Martha Holstlaw | 6967 COLTON BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 3BD/1+BA
Remodeled kit, level yard, hot tub, enter from Lodge Ct. Ch. |
| 5874 MARGARITO, CLAREMONT PINES - 4BD/3+BA - \$599,000
Reduced! Classic trad, bay views, grdns, walk to BART. Brooks Anderson | 6712 HEARTWOOD DRIVE MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA
Charismatic cottage, hwd flrs, 2 frps, fam rm, lg deck, 1/2 ac. |
| 6441 CASTLE DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/3BA - \$489,000
New listing! Contemp. hideaway, stunning SF/GG views. Wendy Gardner | 13090 PARKHURST, PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2+BA
All level, family room, formal dining, landscaped yard. V. Hirsch |
| 4801 PARK BLVD., GLENVIEW - 5+BD/3BA - \$428,000
Piedmont border, bay views, bright rms, secluded grdn. Wendy Gardner | 14 ASCOT COURT, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA
Camei style, cul-de-sac, decks for outdoor living. Charming |
| 6166 MATHIEU AVE., UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/3BA - \$425,000
Sunny Mediterranean, marble entry, master suite, tflr. Bonnie Hirsch | 12675 BROOK/PARK DR., PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2+BA
All level, move-in cond, family rm, huge park-like yard. V. Hirsch |
| 1200 HOLLYWOOD AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 3BD/2+BA - \$399,000
Beautiful traditional, new kitchen, fantastic yard and decks. Patsy Scott | 26 GREGORY PLACE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/1+BA
Lovely home nestled on a cul-de-sac, fabulous back yard. V. Hirsch |
| 780 TRESTLE GLEN, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4BD/2+BA - \$389,000
Elegant, light-filled traditional, gourmet kitchen, level yard. Tom Anthony | 2362 MARIN AVENUE, BERKELEY - 3BD/1+BA
New listing! A true delight! Kitchen/family rm, formal DR, 1/2 ac. |
| 5573 HARBOR DRIVE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA - \$379,000
Large rooms, level yard, patio, Hillcrest school. Helen Danahak 547-5750 | 5727 BALBOA DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA
Reduced! Unique design, priv. setting, excellent condition |
| 2 SELKIRK, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/2+BA - \$369,000
Reduced! Gorgeous English, privacy, deck, park-like yard. Joe Knowland | 4021 CANON AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 1+BD/1BA
New listing! Good condition, separate 1BD rental unit. Patsy Scott |
| 10701 SNOWDOWN AVE., OAKLAND HILLS - 4BD/3BA - \$359,000
Great privacy, pano view, gorgeous mst suite, gardens. Donna Costella | 201 BEAU FOREST, MONTCLAIR - 1+BD/1BA
Quiet street, updated klt/family room, deck, new carpets etc. |
| 6081 SNAKE ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3+BA - \$349,000
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| 4942 STONERIDGE COURT, RIDGEMONT - 4BD/3BA - \$339,000
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New listing! Light airy condo in 4-unit bldg. with full view of city |
| 5653 MAXWELTON, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 2+BD/2+BA - \$329,000
New listing! Updated kit, frml DR, large back garden. Dee Dee Bonham | |

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| SUPERB PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL - \$1,950,000
Beautiful Clarence Mayhew design. 5BD/5+BA, library, fam rm, rec rm, grdns, patios, decks & pool. Sally Morrison/Dee Dee Bonham | CAPTIVATING CONTEMPORARY - MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA, rumpus rm, remodeled kit, spectacular view bay views, large front & rear decks, 2-car garage. Patsy Scott |
| ELEGANT NEW CONSTRUCTION - \$845,000
Gated mini-estate with beautiful grounds. 4BD/3BA including luxurious master suite, gourmet kitchen, library. Sandi Klemmer | INVITING LAKESHORE TRADITIONAL - 3BD/2BA
Handsome LR, formal DR, remodeled kit, 3BD/2BA wood deck w/hot tub, lg fenced back garden. Brooks Anderson |
| PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN - \$739,000
Rich architectural detail. 5BD/2+BA, 2 extra rms on main level, walk to Piedmont schools, workshop, garden. Helen Danahak 547-5750 | CANYON VIEW - MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA
Private setting on quiet street, living rm opens to yard, remodeled bath, canyon view, 2-car attached garage! Patsy Scott |
| MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY - \$495,000
New listing! Wonderful newer home with flexible floor plan. Light & bright, sep guest suite or office, filtered bay view. Francis Heath | EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD - 3BD/2BA
Wonderful 3BD/2BA home on large lot with south-facing fam rm, rumpus, new carpets throughout, new roof. |
| KNOCK OUT VIEW - MONTCLAIR - \$419,000
Cape Cod charm in excellent neighborhood. 4BD/2+BA, hwd flrs, level-out back yard, 1-car garage. Chuck Corwin | SEQUOYAH HIGHLANDS CUSTOM RANCH - 3BD/2BA
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| COMMANDING VIEWS - RIDGEMONT - \$416,000
Private courtyard entry, cul-de-sac, 3BD/2+BA, bright family rm off kitchen, great outdoor space, over 1/2 acre. Robyn Mohr | COUNTRY CLUB/ROCKRIDGE - 2BD/2BA
North bay view condo in excellent building. 2BD/2BA condition, well equipped kitchen, balcony. Joan Daniel |
| SPECTACULAR BAY VIEW - \$395,000
Custom built home with spacious, flexible floor plan. 2+BD/2BA, large wrap around decks, workshop, 2-car garage. Francis Heath | SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS TOWNHOUSE - 2BD/2BA
Immaculate, all level end unit with SF/2 bdrms view, large family rm, new carpet throughout, level yard. |
| SPLENDID TUDOR - \$359,000
Large entry, beam ceiling in LR, formal dining. 3BD/2+BA, fam rm with bar opens to large deck, hot tub, hwd flrs. Dick Cohen | ADAMS POINT CONDOMINIUM - 2BD/2BA
Light 2BD/2BA unit w/remodeled kitchen & baths, pretty tree view, lobby recently remodeled. Carolyn Hirsch |
| CROCKER HIGHLANDS TUDOR - \$339,000
4BD/2BA, plus rm, office, formal dining, remodeled kitchen with breakfast area, fenced yard, 2-car garage. Charlene Claybaugh | ENCHANTED GARDENS - LAUREL - 3BD/2BA
Bright sunny rooms, 2BD/1BA, updated kitchen, 3rd floor, French doors to wonderful private yard. V. Hirsch |
| OAKLAND HILLS OASIS - \$337,500
All level living! Gorgeous tree setting with views. 3BD/3+BA, family rm, formal DR, remodeled kitchen, level yard. Thomas Wurst | LAUREL BUNGALOW - 2BD/1BA
Very charming & cute with lots of sun! 2BD/1BA, 1/2 ac, hwd flrs, fireplace private back yard. Vicki Hirsch |

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Mettelman wins top honors

Carolyn R. Mettelmann, a broker associate in the San Leandro branch of RE/MAX in the Bay Area, was named to the national residential real estate brokerage's exclusive 100 Percent Club for the third year in a row.

To be named to the Club, a RE/MAX broker has to achieve minimum sales of \$3,000,000 in a calendar year. Mettelmann's 1994 sales doubled that figure. Of the firm's 4,200 brokers and broker associates in California, just 820 were named to the prestigious Club.

Mettelmann, a San Leandro resident who lived in Oakland's Sheffield Village for 13 years, was also named to the Club in 1992 and 1993.

With her 1995 sales continuing at the same pace, Mettelmann was also named "Top Producer" for the month of January by her 55 broker associates in the RE/MAX sales region which extends from Oakland through Hayward.

Mettelmann cited as key to her success her aggressive marketing strategy, referrals from past clients, and her policy of donating \$500 from each of her non-discounted real estate transactions to the charity or organization selected by the buyer and/or seller she represents in the transaction.

Couple gets lucky at first open home tour

Number 95 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Stephenie and Matthew start off by saying that they are not in a hurry. They live in a rental in Montclair now, quite a pleasant place that they expected to stay in for a long time. It is feeling small now that they both are working from home.

Still, they want to take their time finding a house.

We ask if they have spoken to a loan broker, then suggest that they do that first. They need to become acquainted with different loans and costs and to find out what they can borrow. Stephenie says she will fax us a list of "must haves" and "can do withouts." This first conversation happens on Feb. 10.

A few days later we talk again. They know now the price they can comfortably afford. We make an appointment to get together in person and I mail them some information on buying.

When I get her list, Stephenie and I talk some more. Quiet is most important. No buses on the street. And they'd like a good kitchen, one large enough for both of them to work in together.

We still haven't met, but I know approximately what they want, so

on Saturday I look over the list of open houses, I pick out eight of them and fax the descriptions to Stephenie. She says they'll go look.

I am surprised and happy to hear from her the next afternoon. They've just come back from open houses, and they are excited.

Stephenie says she can't believe it but they found two houses they like very much. One is larger and more expensive, the other smaller and less money. It seems like it will work very well for them.

What should they do now? They expected to be looking for months. Now they've found this house and they aren't sure what to think about it. I ask them to tell me everything about the house.

The house has a fabulous kitchen. It has been completely redone with a greenhouse window, lots of counter space, built-in refrigerator and stove, good cabinets made of "beautiful wood" — not creepy," Stephenie says, laughing. There is a built-in table, a large openable skylight, even a trash compactor.

They're both on the phone now. They tell me about the spaces, the yard, floors, fireplace, garage and laundry. There is no formal dining room, but they think that's



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okay. There is a spa outside the master bedroom. They like that. It is very quiet.

"Is there anything missing?" I ask. "More space," they say, "but we really don't need more space."

"If you buy this house, will you feel that you missed a better one?" I ask. "Think about it this way. Some people can walk into a store looking for a red dress and immediately find one in the right size at the right price and buy it. But someone else will find that dress and still feel the need to go to all the other stores to see all the other red dresses."

Stephenie says she's the kind who just buys it. She knows her own taste. She doesn't get much pleasure from shopping. Matthew agrees.

We decide to get together the next day after we have gathered more information.

Anet calls the listing agent to ask for the termite report and the

disclosures. She learns that the sellers have lived there for 10 years and have done quite a lot of remodeling. Expecting to stay for many more years, they splurged on the kitchen. But their lives have changed, they need more space, and they are looking at houses in Lafayette.

On Monday, Feb. 20, we meet Stephenie and Matthew for the first time. We've run into a time crunch; we have to present another offer that day, but we stay as long as possible.

We talk about their life and the house and about how the buying process works. We like them. Our conversation is comfortable and easy. They seem quite sure about buying the house. We decide to meet the following morning to see it together.

It is a beautiful house, one of those rare ones that has been especially well cared for, lovingly upgraded.

Everything about the kitchen is beautiful including the tiny little halogen light fixtures mounted under the upper cabinets.

We go slowly through the house, enjoying it all, and as we leave, we run into the seller. It is good to meet him. He loves the house and is hoping that whoever

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- TORY BROWN SHINGLE. 3BR, 2BA, 1800+ sq ft, orig. details. 2 separate... \$167,500
- ARLIN & SAUNAL. Unique Emeryville home. 2BR, 2BA, large master suite... \$163,500
- AKLAND VICTORIAN. Probate sale. 3+BR, 1+BA, large basement, and... \$160,000
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401(k) plan is good way to save for retirement

By Leila Gough

One of the most popular ways of saving for retirement is the 401(k) plan, named after the section of the tax law that makes it possible.

Also known as a "salary-reduction" plan, a 401(k) plan allows you to put part of your paycheck into a fund before the money is taxed. Employers traditionally favor this plan because it encourages employees to save more themselves. Many employers will match their employees' savings, for example, 50 cents on the dollar up to five percent of compensation.

In some respects, the 401(k) resembles an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), especially since both allow you to invest current income on a tax-deferred basis. However, unlike an IRA, a 401(k) plan can only be established by your employer. Another key difference between the two is that your IRA contribution, depending on your income and whether or not you are covered by a retirement plan at work, may not be deductible. With a 401(k) plan, your contribution reduces the income shown on your W-2 form, and is therefore automatically excluded from federal income taxes.

Traditionally, an employer will set up the plan with an investment company, a bank trust department, or an insurance company. The employer can elect to make the investment decisions or the employer can give the participants the responsibility of making their own decisions.

Participant-directed plans can reduce an employer's fiduciary liability, but only if certain rules are satisfied. Regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Labor — which generally took effect Jan. 1, 1994 — spell out these rules in detail. Employers who decide to comply with the optional regulations will not be held liable in the event of losses from bad investment decisions, but will remain responsible for a number of things, including choosing and monitoring investment options.

The regulations should please employers and their employees. For example, thanks to these regu-

lations, employees may have more and better investment opportunities available to them. Employers probably will favor them because the regulations, if followed properly, can reduce their fiduciary liability.

The 401(k) plan is an attractive investment opportunity, especially because the traditional employer matching-contribution program can increase your annual savings at no cost to you. If your employer is among the thousands of companies offering a 401(k) plan, you should seriously consider taking advantage of it.

As with any financial decision that you may be considering, consult your financial advisor about the possible role of a 401(k) plan in your financial game plan.

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When to drop the price if home doesn't sell

You decide to sell your house. You contact your friend Bessie whose house just sold in three days and ask her to give you the name of her fantastic Realtor, the one who made it all happen. The Realtor, we'll call her Muffy, comes over and assures you that you too can sell your house quickly and without much fuss. Your house is in great shape and it will be well-received.

The issue of pricing comes up, as well it must, and your Realtor suggests getting estimates of value, called "revs," from her office. You tidy the house and the office comes through the house and looks around, each member giving their opinion to Muffy who then calls you and gives you the news. The house, she tells you, is probably worth between \$400,000 and \$425,000. She reports that one or two of her colleagues thought maybe \$450,000

and two others thought \$380,000. You hear the \$450,000 and are thrilled with the extra added value.

Before Muffy's colleagues gave you the good news, you secretly hoped that the house might be worth up to \$375,000 but the professionals set you straight. So now you think you have just won the lottery and you agree to list the house just a little below the \$425,000, the average suggested price.

You weed the garden, cut flowers for the living room, wash the windows and clean the rugs. Your Realtor puts the house on the market with great fanfare. You agree to hear any offers the next week and then you sit back and wait for your windfall.

The Realtors come through on their weekly tour. They munch on the buffet provided by Muffy who is also a knockout party-giver. They

heartily approve of the house. A few eagerly make appointments to show the house and this generates great excitement.

They show, you wait and nothing happens. Muffy holds the house open on Sunday and a steady stream of chatty buyers walk through the house admiring and asking questions. Muffy reports to you in an excited tone. But we have to wait, she cautions. The buyers will call their Realtors or call her, she explains. Let's see what the next day or so brings.

You go on with your life, take the kids to the circus, go to work, do the laundry and make everyone pick up their rooms, every day, just in case. You wait, and nothing much happens. Muffy calls the Realtors upon whose estimates of value you have both relied. They affirm their belief in the price you have set.



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But there are no phone calls as a result of the open house. Muffy calls the three or four Realtors who took the time to show their clients the house by appointment and discovers that they do not have buyers for your house. For one reason or another, usually the reasons that you so love your home, they don't like it.

So you wait and wonder what is going on. Another week passes and no one shows the house. Ah, it is vacation week, tax time and it is, as usual, raining. Maybe this weekend, Muffy says, people will climb

out of their doldrums and buy your house. The sun comes out, the garden is unbelievably beautiful and intoxicating. The house is open for a second Sunday and more people come and admire it but no one calls back.

What's wrong with this picture? You know that Muffy sold Bessie's house in just three days and to tell the truth, Bessie's house wasn't as nice as yours. Why is your house not selling? It looks great, smells good, you have a beautiful kitchen, a couple of master suites, one of which could even be used as a family room.

Is two weeks too short a period of time to start worrying about whether your home will ever sell? Should you expect your home to sell right away? Have you overpriced it? How is the general market? Could it have slowed down since the Realtors came through over a month ago? Why isn't your

house selling? Where

ers? You only need one order to sell your house. It takes lots of calls from one buyer. And, if you are looking for a home in the price range that you want, even if you have the most beautiful house, if no one calls, it won't sell.

And, if the Realtors decided on the price, with its spaciousness, elegance that they overvalue, it won't sell. The price to meet the market. Maybe you were wrong. Maybe you should have just below \$400,000 happens. The house is kept, and full of amazing no reason that someone

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OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 2531 MONTICELLO AVE, 2bd/1b, Remod Kit, Hdws, 1 Car Gar Realty World, Toril Harge 763-0835 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$800/MO RENTAL
- 370 EUCLID AVE, Adams Pt 3-bd/2ba, Move IN!! Better Homes, Mornie 547-6975 4269,000
- 5602 DENTON PL, Hillcrest Est. 3/2+, Quality Contemp w/Views Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460 \$935,000
- 6035 WOOD DR, 4bd/4+ba Elegance, Fab Views, Gardens The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400 \$919,000
- 6070 MAZUELA DR, New Constr 5-bd/3/2ba, Fam Rm w/Frpl The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400 \$899,000
- 6632 LIGGETT, Pied Side, 2 Legal Homes on Gated 1/2 Acre Lot Owner 339-0687 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5 \$859,000
- 5981 GIRVIN DR, 4-bd/3ba, Copper, Granite & Cedar Showcase! Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 339-8400 \$850,000
- 5410 FERNHOFF RD, 4/3 Country Est., Gdn, Pool, AuPair Suite Taboloff and Company, Doris Taboloff 482-0800 \$749,000
- 5901 MANCHESTER DR, New Constr 4bd/3/2, Landscaped Gdn The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400 \$729,000
- 5920 ROSS ST, Rockridge, Frml Rms, Detail, Billiard Rm, 2/2ba The GRUBB Company, Sherri Wilson Oakley 339-0400 \$699,000
- 6514 LUCAS AV, Montclair 4-PLEX, 4-2bd Units, Well Blt, Location! Pamela Cleary Riordan, Realtor 933-8320 \$650,000
- 2385 SCOUT RD, 3+bd/4ba nr Montclair Village 1+acres The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400 \$639,000
- 6307 BROOKSIDE AVE, 4/3 Medit, Up Rockridge, Secluded Gdn The GRUBB Company, Anian Pettit Tunney 339-0400 \$619,000
- 3719 BRUNELL, 4bd/3/2ba w/Bay Views & Privacy John M. Grubb Company Realtors, Julie 254-6033 \$618,000
- 5874 MARGARIDO, Claremont Pines, Classic 4/3+ Trad, Vu, Gdns Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460 \$599,000
- 923 MOUNTAIN BL, New Custom 4/2+ 3400sq, Nr Montclair Village Builder/Owner 510-601-1037 WILL COOPERATE OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$559,000
- 50 LARRY LN, Montclair, Gt Architecture, 2+2, 2 Lg Lots Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Pamela Cornford 869-4213 \$549,000
- 907 HILLCROFT CIR, 1st Open! 4bd/3ba Trad, Lower Lvl Rec Rm The GRUBB Company, Susan Veit 339-0400 \$549,000
- 10008 BROADWAY TER, New w/Forever View! 3+3/3, Roof Deck Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780 MLS 035939 \$539,000
- 3299 BRUNELL DR, 5-bd/3/2ba, Rustic Estate, Level Land, View Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 339-8400 \$539,000
- 6157 CHELTON DR, Montclair's Pied Pines 5/3/2, Remod, Views Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400 \$535,000
- 140 FLORENCE, 4bd/3/2ba Up Rockridge, New, Stunning Details Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400 \$529,000
- 7070 WESTMOORLAND, Beautiful Exec Style 3bd/2/2ba w/Views Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Don Howe 654-5680 \$525,000
- 5748 IVANHOE RD, 4bd/3ba Spanish Style, Fam Rm, Garden Templeton Company 652-2133 \$510,000
- 6330 PINEHAVEN, Montclair 3-bd/2/2ba, Wooded Setting! Gallagher & Lindsey, Debbie 748-1806 OPEN SUNDAY 2:30-5 \$499,000
- 815 LONGRIDGE RD Crocker Highlands 4/3 Stately Medit, Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 835-6080 \$499,000
- 5901 ROSS ST, Gracious 4 1/2 in Rockridge, Lwr Lvl Apt w/Sep Entry The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400 \$495,000
- 5700 GLENBROOK DR, Claremont Pines 3/2+, Lg Rumpus w/Frpl The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400 \$495,000
- 17 BAY FOREST DR, New 3 1/2 Oak/Berk Hills, Gourmet Kit Coldwell Banker, Darcy Diamante 339-1174 \$495,000
- 6441 CASTLE DR, Montclair 3-bd/3b Contemp Hideaway, Views! Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460 \$489,000
- 4747 PROCTOR AVE, Up Rockridge Light/Airy 4/2/2, Patio/Garden The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400 \$489,000
- 6942 COLTON BL, Montclair 4-bd/3b, Potential In Law Unit Better Homes, Julie Hastings 339-1291 \$489,000
- 5982 GLENARMS DRIVE, New 4b/3b, 3 Frpl, Level Lot, Reduced! Richard Palmer, Broker 559-9134 \$479,500
- 14 YANKEE HILL, Exquisite Style/Great Location! 3/3 Twnhse The GRUBB Company, Anian Pettit Tunney 339-0400 \$475,000
- 6156 OCEANVIEW DR, Up Rockridge 3+bd/2+ba, Great Value! Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 655-7137 \$475,000
- 1864 GRANDVIEW, Lovely 3bd/3ba Twnhse, Gourmet Kitchen Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 \$469,000
- 6951 BRISTOL DR, 3bd/2/2ba Stunning New Contemporary, Views Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Michelle Vasey 482-4484 \$469,000
- 3230 ROBINSON DR, 3bd/2ba, Loft, SF/Bay View, New Listing!! Peter Ralston 530-2990 OPEN SATURDAY ONLY 10AM-8PM \$457,000
- 44 STARK KNOLL, Updated, Move In Concl 4/3, Gdn w/Spa The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 \$449,000
- 533 CROFTON, 2bd/1b 4-Plex on Pied Border, Buy 1 or All! Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583 \$440,000
- 4801 PARK BLVD, Glenview 5-bd/3ba, Views, Secluded Garden Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460 \$428,000
- 6166 MATHEU AVE, Up Rockridge 3/3 Sunny Med, Marble Entry Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460 \$425,000
- 2991 HOLYROOD, Airy 5bd w/Elegant Quality & Privacy Wells & Bennett, Cheryl Elliott 648-7809 MLS 037198 \$399,900
- 6060 HARBORD DR, Montclair 3-bd/2/2ba, View, Decks, Storage Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 272-9030 \$399,000
- 5546 KALES AVE, Rockridge Br Shingle, 4/2, Lvl Yd, Hm Ofc Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174 \$399,000
- 1200 HOLLYWOOD AVE, Glenview 3/2+ Beautiful Trad, New Kitch Pacific Union, Patty Scott 339-6460 \$399,000
- 5958 GLENARMS, Custom Built 3/2, Rumpus/Ofc Dwnstairs, Frpl The GRUBB Company, Marcia Nebel 339-0400 \$398,000

- 7014 PASO ROBLES DR, 3/2 Contemporary, Frml LR/DR, Frpl The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 \$395,000
- 7470 WOODROW, Custom Home 2-bd/2b, Lvl Lot, Pvt Cul-de-sac The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400 \$395,000
- 834 MANDANA, Crocker, 3bd/2/2ba Trad'l, Fam Rm, Rumpus Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 \$389,000
- 6329 CHELTON, Piedmont Pines New Listing, 4bd/3ba w/SF View Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197 MLS \$389,000
- 6085 COLTON, Montclair 3-bd/2ba, SF View, Excellent Location Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, H. Converse 869-4212 \$389,000
- 780 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker Highlands 4/2 Elegant Trad, Lvl Yd Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-8460 \$389,000
- 873 ROSEMOUNT, Crocker 3-bd/3ba, Super Value! Better Homes, Dawn Ellis 482-1790 \$377,900
- 5573 HARBORD DR, Rockridge 3bd/2ba, Lg Rooms, Lvl Yd, Patio Pacific Union, Helen Danhaik 547-5750 \$369,000
- 2 SELKIRK, Redwd Hts English 3bd/2+ba Reduced! Pvcy, Deck Pacific Union, Joe Knowland 339-6460 \$369,000
- 10701 SNOWDOWN AVE, Chabot Hghlnds 4/3, Pvcy, View, Gdns Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460 \$369,000
- 817 PROSPECT, China Hill 4bd/3ba Remod, Med w/Sauna, Decks Mason-McDuffie, John F. Bell 834-2010 \$369,000
- 5466 BOYD AVE, 5bd/2ba Authentic Craftsman Brown Shingle Better Homes, Jeff Heltgert 339-8400 \$369,000
- 3035 FRYE ST, Oakland Hills 4bd/3b, New, Woodsy, Views Better Homes, Patricia Bennett 482-9000 \$368,000
- 6995 PASO ROBLES, 3/2, Fam Rm, Remod Kit, Split Lvl Contemp Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6461 MLS 036831 \$365,000
- 6529 ASCOT DR, Piedmont Pines 3/2, Frml DR, Sun Rm, 2 Patios Coldwell Banker, Judy Rankankarn 339-1174 \$355,000
- 5887 CHABOT CT, Rockridge 4bd/2ba, 1 Lvl Craftsman, Location! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 \$354,500
- 6206 CLIVE, Montclair 4-bd/3/2ba w/Separated Living Spaces Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Manor 644-0808 \$350,000
- 84 STARVIEW, Hiller 3bd/2/2ba Twnhse, Decorator Perfect! View Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 \$349,500
- 5961 RINCON DR, Montclair, Recent Rehab, 3/2, Lg Fam Rm, Vu Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174 \$349,000
- 6081 SNAKE RD, Montclair 4+3+ w/Views for all Rms, AuPair Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460 \$349,000
- 2320 LEIMERT, 3-bd/2/2ba, Charming Trad'l w/City Vu, Frml DR Better Homes, Martha Shin 339-8400 \$349,000
- 5617 MORAGA AVE, Renovated, Upgrades, Fab Kitchen, Lvl Out The GRUBB Company, Anian Tunney 339-0400 \$341,000
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- 6106 BULLARD DR, Montclair Quiet St, 3/3, Rec Rm, Lg Deck The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 \$309,000
- 2143 MAGELLAN DR, Montclair New Listing! Charming, Updtd Kit Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174 \$309,000
- 13090 PARKHURST, Parkridge Est 3/2+ All Lvl, Landscaped Yd Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460 \$309,000
- 7 TRUITT LN, Up Rockridge 3bd/2/2ba, Rumpus, Ofc, Lvl to Patio Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174 \$309,000
- 12675 BROOKPARK RD, 3bd/2ba All Lvl, Move In Condition! Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460 \$299,950
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- 5440 MANILA, Rockridge 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Rita Zwerdling 486-1495 \$299,000
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- 4138 GREENWOOD, Glenview 4bd/2ba Great House/Price! Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, T. Fardella 869-4263 \$299,000
- 1921 GASPAR, Montclair Lg 3-bd/2b Contemporary, Some View Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, V. Landes 869-4255 \$299,000
- 4291 FAIR AVE, 4bd/2ba, Pano View, Like New! Large Yard Coldwell Banker, Agent 888-2325 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5 \$299,000
- 687 SPRUCE, China Hill, New Listing! 5bd/2ba Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, P. Champion 869-4207 \$299,000
- 9 EL CARMELO CT, Redwd Hts, Charming Spl Lvl Trad'l, 3bd/1/2 Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174 \$299,000
- 842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 Units, 2bd w/Frpl Up/bd Drw Owner 834-8768 OPEN SUNDAY 12-4 & MONDAY 11-5 \$299,000
- 4638 GERANIUM PL, Redwd Hts Great 3 1/2 Starter, Frpl, Hdws Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174 \$299,000
- 3925 14TH AVE, Spacious 2bd, Den/Office, Updated Kitchen Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392 MLS 035624 \$299,000
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- 481 HARDY, Rockridge 2-bd/1b, Frml DR, Hdws, Eat-In Kitchen Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2511 \$299,000
- 5727 BALBOA DR, Montclair 3/2 Reduced! Unique Design, Pvt Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460 \$299,000
- 3467 JORDAN RD, 3/2 Redwood Hts, Best Buy!! All Lvl, Big Gdn Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400 \$299,000
- 4120 39TH AVE, Redwood Hts 3bd/2ba, 1st Open, Views, Pvt Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400 \$299,000
- 4021 CANON AVE, Glenview 2bd/1ba New Listing! Sep 1bd Rm Pacific Union, Francis Healy 339-6460 \$299,000
- 3727 VICTOR AVE, Redwd Hts 2/2 Chamer! Pano Bay Views Wells & Bennett, Diane Ear McCan 531-7000 MLS 035446 \$299,000
- 201 BEAU FOREST, Montclair 1+bd/1ba, Quiet St, Updtd Kit, Dn Pacific Union, Bill Weissberg 339-6460 \$299,000
- 1136 EVERETT AVE, Cosmetic Fx, Bungalow, Deck, Bmnt, Lvl Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 482-3576 MLS 035748 \$299,000
- 3948 CANON AVE, Glenview New 2bd, Creek/Frpl/Hdws Agent 436-5759 \$299,000
- 4014 ASPEN PL, Laurel 2/1 Bright Bungalow on Cul-de-sac, 4th Pacific Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460 \$299,000
- 4830 DAVENPORT AVE, Redwd Hts 3/1 Nice Starter, Mint Cond. Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dianne Campbell 530-0596 \$299,000
- 3050 CALIFORNIA, Laurel 2 1/2 w/Remod, Kitchen, Landscaped Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Martine Erickson 547-2205 \$299,000
- 3838 LA CRESTA, 2bd/1ba California Bungalow w/Charm Winters RE, Janet Kaplan 254-0363 \$299,000
- 161 MARLOW, New Sheffield Village Listing! Immaculate 2bd Wells & Bennett, Noli Davis 531-9536 MLS \$299,000
- 3814 LINCOLN, Lincoln Hts 2-bd/2ba, Look Inside, Its Gorgeous! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mark Cujak 869-4237 \$299,000
- 3915 LAGUNA, Laurel, Storybook 2/2 Cottage, 1st Open! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boes 869-4216 \$299,000
- 4336 PARK, Glenview 3/2, Charming Traditional Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 \$299,000
- 1050 PORTAL AVE, Good Starter! Expansion Possibility Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, H. Chew 273-9050 \$299,000
- 3758 SILVERWOOD, Laurel 3-bd/1b, Price Slashed! Charming! Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583 \$299,000
- 4610 MATTIS CT, Redwd Hts 3bd/2/2ba, Spl Lvl Ranch Better Homes, Arnold 339-4000 \$299,000

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delighted to buy it, other than the best intentions, i.e., the resale value, by the best Realtor. Many included, are sometimes just a few percentage points. It's much in the abstract but even 5 percent is a lot — \$21,250 — when you have a house priced at \$425,000. Buying and selling houses is big business. Yet you don't want to leave the house away just to get through the tunnel to the light at the other side, or do you?
Think about the compromises in negotiating the price of your home because you to make. Decide whether holding out for the price you'd get, after Muffy and her colleagues came and told you they thought, is turning out to be they were wrong.
From my vantage point, and from the fact I have two houses that are on the market right now, conflict is real and difficult.

What do we gain by dropping the prices now? How long should we wait? Can we expect that someone will come and offer use 1 or 2 percent less rather than the 5 we might decide by ourselves? If we wait just a little longer will things happen which favor us?
We can tell you to drop the price if your house doesn't sell right away, usually in about three weeks, maybe four if there have been holidays or lots of rain. Maybe the market is telling us both something that Muffy and her friends could not have known, that the market has slowed down and that you must adjust your expectations accordingly. But can you do it? Can we do it?

Barbara and Dennis Hendrickson are partners in The Hendrickson Company. Send questions c/o Hills Newspapers, Real Estate, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619, or call them at 540-6000; fax: 548-6865.

What causes leaf fall in black pittosporum?

Q: I have 20 or so black pittosporum that form a high hedge in my back yard. Each year in the spring after they flower, many leaves turn yellow and then brown and fall off the plant. I would guess that I lose at least half the leaves from each tree. Over the years I have tried fertilizers, pesticides, iron, watering and not watering. Each year the result is the same. Any suggestions?

A: Frankly, I'm baffled like yourself. The fact that this occurs each spring and not during the summer or fall is also puzzling. Because of your proximity to sea water, I wonder if the problem might be related to the underground water table.

Judging from the pictures you sent, these plants look about 12 to 15 feet high which means that the roots should be 3 or 4 feet deep. This problem seems to coincide with the time when the water table would be at its highest point. The plant's



the dirt gardener

by Buzz Bertolero

root system could be on the border of the high water mark. As the flush of new growth and roots develop each spring, they could be extending into this area.

If the water table is low because of the drought, the soil particle residue could be salty enough for this type of reaction. The good news is that the heavy winter rains could have leached some of those contaminants away.

Q: Our mandarin orange seems healthy but the leaves are curling over. Why does this happen and what can we do?

A: Citrus leaves curl for two reasons: 1. The tree goes dry between waterings. 2. Cool temperatures. There are pores called stomates on the leaf surface which allow plants to release water and gases. When the plant becomes water-stressed, the leaves curl over to keep the moisture in.

It seems like in your case, the curly leaves are the result of the cold temperatures we had at the end of 1994. Now that spring has arrived, feed it monthly with citrus food and keep it from going dry. Some leaves may flatten out and the flush of new growth will cover the old leaves.

Q: We have two 3-year-old rhododendrons planted in half-barrels. They bloomed during the first

two years but last year they decided just to grow. They need to be pruned so when is the best time to trim them?

A: Rhododendrons should be pruned after they finish flowering because this is when the new growth for the year develops. However, if there are no flowers, I recommend pruning them now. Do not cut rhododendrons back to bare stems, always leave one to two sets of leaves.

Since these plants have been in containers for some time, be sure not to let them go dry as there probably is very little soil left between the roots in the barrels. Feed them on a monthly basis with azalea, camellia and rhododendron fertilizer.

Send your questions to Buzz Bertolero, C.C.N., c/o Hills Newspapers, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland 94611.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES



LAGUNA, Laurel District, Cute 2bd/1ba Bungalow on Lg Lot \$198,500
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Sandy Yoon 636-1314

CRESCENT STREET, 3+bd/2ba Immaculate Spacious Home \$195,000
Realty 540-0238 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4:30

HOLLYWOOD ST., Glenview 3/2, Spacious, Classy Beauty! \$191,500
Realty, Jody Edmonson 287-9582

WARD, New Listing! Picture Perfect 2bd/1ba \$189,500
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mavis Delacoro 658-6332

LINCOLN, 2+bd/2ba, Level, Bay View, Quiet, Private \$189,000
Realty Properties, Marianne Malenk 522-7780

SHEFFIELD, 3 Bedrooms \$189,000
Realty & Associates, Felicia Owens 658-7872

BENVENUE #1, Rockridge 2bd/2ba \$185,000
Realty Banker, Phyllis Sagie 486-1495

DAKOTA, Laurel, Upgraded 2bd/2b, Den, Something Special \$183,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, M. Wright 869-4251

MARK ST., Cozy 2 Story 3bd/2ba, Eat-In Kit, Nice Yd \$179,500
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Joan Simmons 635-5378

WHITTLE, New Listing! 2bd/1ba, Great Price/Neighborhood \$179,000
Oak Realty 527-3387 X104 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

EVERETT AVE., Glenview 2bd/1+ba Condo in 4 Unit Bldg \$179,000
Realty Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

WARD, 2+bd/1ba, Spacious and Gracious! New Price! \$179,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mavis Delacoro 658-6332

SAVO, Laurel, Price Reduced! 3bd, Frpl, New Paint \$179,000
Realty Bay Realty, Martha Turner 522-4648 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

WESLEY AVE., 2bd/1b Extra Lg, Great Home! Must See! \$175,000
Realty, Kim 763-7395 OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

LAKESIDE #501, Lake Merritt 2bd/2ba \$175,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mark Cujak 869-4237

39TH AVE., Redwood Hts 2bd/1+ba, Grt View, Potential! \$175,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, E. Barber 869-4204

WARDLEY AVE., Glenview 2+1 w/English Gdn, Charming! \$175,000
Realty Homes, Carolyn Hartley 272-9030

FLEMING, Maxwell Pk 2+bd/2ba Dream Home, Move In!! \$170,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Dollie Henson 466-5761

MANILA AVE., Remodel 3/2, Owner Motivated/Bring Offers \$169,500
Realty Homes, Ken Ferrell 339-8400

WHITTLE AVE., Fruitvale 2/1 Sweet Starter, Reduced!! \$169,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Marlene Daniels 763-5807

2ND, North Oakland 3bd/2ba \$169,000
Realty Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1495

ARIZONA, Laurel 2/1, Garden, Studio, Quality!! \$169,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cindy Fleming 547-6344

BOSTON, 2/1 Bungalow in Move In condition! Lg Fenced Yd \$162,000
Realty Properties, Carole Riis 848-1950 X237 SUNDAY 2-4

MADERA, 2+bd in Maxwell Pk, Sunny w/charm \$159,000
Realty & Bennett, Kate Phillips 530-8211 MLS 037-400

RAVENWOOD, 3bd/1ba, Enter Drive at 2506 Potomac \$159,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Lynn Calvert 869-4246 SUNDAY 12-2

BUENA VENTURA, Split Lvl 3bd, Plank Floors, Storage \$156,000
Realty & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 036788

HIGH ST #106, Redwood Hts 2/2 Lovely Condo, Level In \$153,000
Realty Homes, Nick Lavrov 339-8400

LINWOOD, 2/1 Glenview Special Classic 1920's Bungalow \$139,000
Realty Homes, Harriet Schoen 339-8400

MAJESTIC, 2bd/1ba, Awesome Bay View! \$135,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, J. Nielsen 869-4256

STEELE, Upr High 3bd/1b Frpl, Frpl, "As Is" or Credit \$134,500
Realty 482-3863

HARRISON #205, Harrison House, Light/Bright 2/2 Condo \$129,950
Realty Banker, Phyllis Milenbach 339-1174

VALE, Laurel District, A Steal!! \$125,500
Realty Homes 339-4000

OAKLAND AV., Spacious 1bd Condo Adj to Rse Gdn, 3% Down \$103,000
Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

JAYNE, Spacious 1bd/1ba Unit, Balcony, Adams Point \$75,000
Realty & Associates, Pat 287-5080 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

ADAMS #407, Top Notch! Fab Spacious Top Floor Unit, Balcony \$99,500
Realty Banker, Donna Natsch 339-1174

LAMEDA Open Sunday

ANTONIO, Gold Coast 3+bd/2+ba, Queen Anne Beauty! \$512,500
Realty Homes, Edith Marcus 287-5886

CLARKE LN, Nantucket Model 3/2+1 Home, Nr Harbor Bay \$249,000
Realty Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

LAGUINARIA, 2/2+ Beauty, Best Upgrades, FDR, Pvcy, Frpl \$245,000
Realty Homes, Martha Randa 339-8400 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

ALBANY Open Sunday

SOMONA, 3+bd/2ba Immaculate Spanish 2 Story \$429,000
Oak Realty 527-3387 X132 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

SPOKANE, Split Level 2bd w/Plus Room \$259,000
Oak Realty 527-3387 X132 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

RAMONA, 2bd Gem! View! Spectacular Kitchen! \$249,000
Oak Realty 527-3387 X113 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

POMONA, Albany 2bd/1ba \$233,000
Realty Banker, Nancy Reichert 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

KEY ROUTE BLVD, Charming Spl Lvl 2/1 nr Solano Shops \$219,000
Realty Union, Rich Gould 339-6460 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

THE UPLANDS, Elegant Claremont Med, 4+3+, Library, Patio \$850,000
Oak Realty 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

RIDGE RD, Sparkling 5/3 Updtd Med, Charm, Deck, Gdn \$809,000
Realty Company, Trish McEneaney 654-1280 X125

770 CRAGMONT, Berkeley 4bd/3ba \$659,000
Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495

824 SAN DIEGO, Classic 4bd/3ba Spanish, Great Setting \$629,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Millions 869-4233

1045 PARK HILLS, 1st Open, Great 4bd/2+ba Family Home \$628,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mike Potmesil 869-4241

568 ARLINGTON, 2 Houses \$569,000
Coldwell Banker, Gaby/Barbara 486-1495

146 VICENTE, Dramatic 1 yr old Architect Designed 3bd/4ba \$559,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174

166 HILLCREST RD, Claremont Br Shingle 4/3, Dwn AuPair or Ofc \$519,000
The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400

111 EL CAMINO REAL, Claremont Modern 4 1/2, Solarium, View \$499,000
Templeton Company, Karin McPhail 652-2133 X136

916 EUCLID AVE, No. Berk Hills 4bd/3ba w/Elegant Detail! \$485,000
Better Homes 339-4000

822 SANTA BARBARA, No. Berk 5+bd/3ba Craftsman, Lg Lot \$469,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1019 CRESTON RD, 4bd/3ba Exquisite New Constr/Mature Street \$463,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 841-5172

900 SHATTUCK, No. Berkeley 4bd/2+ba Craftsman, Reduced! \$459,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Crandall 869-4214

524 GRIZZLY PEAK, Berkeley 4/2 \$449,500
Coldwell Banker, Gilde/Cheryl 486-1495

330 PANORAMIC, Home and Income! Panoramic View \$379,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1138 KEITH AVE, 3+2 w/Big Sur Charm, SF, Bay View, Deck \$378,000
Templeton Company, Gigi Erick 658-6247

819 MIRAMAR, 3bd/1+ba w/Craftsman Details, Refinished Flrs \$329,000
Re/Max, Ira Serkes 526-6668 OPEN SATURDAY 2-5

1217 HENRY ST, Elegant Spacious 3bd Med, North Berkeley \$299,000
Thornwall Properties, Arlette Schlitt-Gerson 848-1950 X229

1414 OXFORD, No. Berk 4bd/2ba Gorgeous Condo, Frpl, Yd \$289,000
Manhattan Real Estate, Agent 444-5300

1235 GLEN, 2/1 Bungalow, Convenient Northside Nghbrhd \$279,000
Thornwall Properties, Carol Riis 848-1950 X237 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

60 QUIL AVE, Berk Hills, On Larger Lot 2/1, Woodsy, Views \$259,000
Coldwell Banker, Tricia Swift 339-1174

2362 MARIN AVE, 2bd/1ba New Listing! Frml DR, A True Delight! \$255,000
Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460

2323 JEFFERSON, Airy 2bd Craftsman, Spacious Rms, Deck \$227,000
Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 SUNDAY 2-4

1815 CURTIS ST, 1st Time Open! 2/1 Bungalow, Sunny Craftsman \$224,000
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

3004 DANA, 2+bd/2ba \$212,000
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

1602 JAYNES, Berkeley 2bd/1ba \$209,500
Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495

1717 LA LOMA #2, Woodsy 2bd Condo, Walk to UC \$199,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X131 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1600 CURTIS, Berkeley 2+bd/1ba \$198,000
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

1232 CHANNING WAY, 2+bd/1+ba Immaculate Brown Shingle \$179,500
MB Realty 504-0238 OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

1301 LA LOMA AVE, Former Ref Ofc, 3800sf Lot, Priced to Sell \$159,000
Equity Property Mgmt 295-1827 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1369 BERKELEY WAY, 2bd/1ba \$159,000
Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495

1211 BANCROFT, Berkeley 2bd/1ba \$152,500
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

3032 BATEMAN DR, Stucco Bungalow, Price Reduced! \$149,500
Templeton Company, Marlene Leverette 548-0709

2023 CHANNING, New Condos, Prices Slashed, 1 & 2 bds \$143,000
Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 SUNDAY 1-4

933 ADDISON #C, 2bd Condo, Serene Wooded View \$94,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387

DANVILLE Open Sunday

35 ALEGRE CT, 4bd/2ba, Reduced!! Lowest Price/Highest Value \$277,900
Better Homes, Hal Marcus 339-9281 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

3233 BELMONT, 4 Units, Immaculate, Assumable Loan \$379,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1516 DOUGLAS DRIVE, 2+bd/2ba \$365,000
Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

7355 MANILA, 3bd/1ba \$259,000
Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

5328 ROSLYN AV, Unique 3/2 Cottage, Wd Stove, Grnhs, Wkshp \$249,000
Security Pacific, Gen Stem 234-7808 OPEN SUNDAY 2:30-4:30

717 ALBEMARLE, El Cerrito 3bd/2+ba \$242,000
Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

1108 NAVILLIER AVE, Just Listed! 3bd/2ba, One Lvl, Sunny Yd \$220,000
Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127 SUNDAY 2-4:30

216 BEHRENS, 2bd/2ba \$210,000
Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

7124 C STREET, Lovely 3bd, Excellent Location! \$199,800
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1725 LIBERTY #3, El Cerrito 2bd/2ba \$115,000
Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

EMERYVILLE Open Sunday

1282 61ST STREET, Lovely Cottage 2bd/1ba, 2 Car Garage \$148,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

EL SOBRANTE Open Sunday

104 WOODSTOCK, 4/3 Newer Carriage Hills Home, 3137 sq ft \$309,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X104 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

4921 WAGONWHEEL, El Sobrante 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths \$299,000
Coldwell Banker, Karen Danrich 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

3112 FIESTA CIRCLE, 3bd/2ba \$189,950
Coldwell Banker, John Sefton 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

510 COVENTRY, Kensington 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths \$399,900
Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

40 KENSINGTON CT, 3/2 Top of Hill, Fabulous View! \$379,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X103 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

77 FRANCISCAN, Price Reduced! 3bd/2ba, GG/Bay Views \$349,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

156 DRACENA AVE, Grand English 6bd, AuPair, Sun Rm, Views \$1,150,000
The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400

1726 OAKLAND AVE, 5+4 + Legal 1bd Apt, Pvt Gdns, Library \$1,095,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda E. McClain 339-0400

136 HAZEL LANE, 4bd/4+ba, Excellent Location/Great Condition \$1,095,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Faye Magee 547-5827

2055 OAKLAND AVE, 5/2+ Magnificent Home! Reduced \$120K! \$1,075,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carole Berger 273-9581

138 WILDWOOD GARDENS, 1/3 Acre, 4/4 w/2 Mstr Suites, Library \$995,000
The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400

340 LASALLE AVE, 5+bd/3+ba, Rec Rm w/2nd Kit, Frml Entry \$949,500
The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400

9 WYNGAARD AVE, Bright, Elegant Gracious Tudor, 4/2 1/2, Frpl \$879,500
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

256 LASALLE AVE, Beautiful 4bd/3ba, Rumpus, View, Garden \$879,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Lois Heyden 273-9582

104 DUDLEY AVE, Gracious 4/3 1/2, Views, Gardens, Privacy \$875,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, R. Ousterman 452-6173

58 WILDWOOD GARDENS, 5/3 Lovely Traditional, Mature Gardens \$869,500
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

111 ESTATES DR, Elegant 1 Lvl, Exquisite Gdn/Patio, 3+bd Suites \$849,000
The GRUBB Company, Marion Schwartz 339-0400

100 HAZEL LN, Charming 1949 Moderne 3 1/2, Hdws, Frpl \$675,000
Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174

16 ST. JAMES DR, Elegant/Contemporary, Gorgeous Gardens \$665,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-6460

73 CALVERT CT, Elegant 4bd/3b, Pristine Cond., Landscaped \$629,000
Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460

9 LASALLE AVE, Spacious 3bd/2+ba, New Kit, Fam Rm, Rumpus \$569,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehrkind 653-8092

252 RAMONA AVE, 5bd/3ba Wonderful Space, Deck/Rumpus/Yd \$549,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rose Jellison 655-4965

4 CAVANAUGH CT, 3bd/2+ba Contemporary, Sylvan Setting \$519,000
Better Homes, Harry Kress 339-8400

426 PALA AVE, 3bd/2ba w/Fantastic Master Suite! Views Forever \$499,900
Mason-McDuffie, Anne Deichler 428-0900

314 PACIFIC AVE, 2+bd/2ba w/Smashing SF/Oakland Views!! \$469,000
Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174

45 WILDWOOD, 2 Story Dutch Colonial, 3+bd/1+ba, Det Garage \$409,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

1058 HARVARD, 2bd/2ba, Eat-In Kit, Lvl Out to Yd, Poss In-Law \$385,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehrkind 653-8092

239 PALM DR, Charming 3/2 1/2, Extra Lg Kitchen, Hdws \$369,600
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

1117 RANLEIGH WAY, 2+bd/1ba Sunny, Quality Home! Reduced \$305,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mark Miller 893-5030

162 WALLACE RD, Lovely Area, Quiet, 2 1/2, Frml DR, Hdws \$289,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Patsy Buhler 287-5910

85 RONADA AVE, Piedmont Starter, A Must See! 2/1, Frml DR \$267,000
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

RICHMOND Open Sunday

2618 LOWELL, Richmond 2+bd/1ba \$139,900
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Eizenberg 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

940 34TH STREET, 2bd/1ba \$119,000
Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

SAN LEANDRO

13735 SCHOOL STREET, 3 Bedrooms \$264,900
Gadsby & Associates, Larry Haney 865-6015 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

2426 STATE ST, Marina 3+bd/1ba, Lg Fam Rm w/Frpl \$189,000
Better Homes, Steven Jung 339-4000 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

443 E. MERLE CT, 2 Bedrooms \$157,900
Gadsby & Associates, Millie Lum 521-6300 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

WALNUT CREEK Open Sunday

3636 VISTA CHARONAKS, 5/3 Br Shingle, Slate Flrs, Lap Pool \$629,950
Better Homes, Lynne Hildebrand 943-3305 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

The Real Estate section welcomes your news, views, comments and questions. Please send information to: Maggie Sharpe, Hills Newspapers 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, 94619 or call 339-4060. Our FAX number is 339-4066.

Events

A home buyer's **Informational Seminar** will take place Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m. at Mason-McDuffie's Orinda office, 25 Orinda Way, Suite 200. Topics to be discussed include onsite qualifying and loan quotes, title and escrow, the insurance crisis in California, tax planning, home warranties, home inspections, and handling the actual move. There will also be door prizes, giveaways and refreshments. Reservations required. Call Janine at 210-6094.

Old Oakland Farmer's Market celebrates **Earth Day** for kids with agricultural exhibits, animal farm, sheep shearing, bee-keeping, clowns and games. Adults get free taste tests of new lettuces and Asian greens. Friday, April 21, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Ninth and Broadway, Oakland. Free. Call (415) 456-3276.

Custom Financial Services presents **Home Ownership: A Reality of the '90s**, Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 262 Grand Ave., Oakland. This interactive workshop is designed to put prospective buyers into their own home. The \$50 registration fee will be waived for the first 35 registrants. Participants will receive the Community Home Buyer Program Certificate. Registration required. Call 444-2100.

Realty Advocates presents **Sell Your Home Yourself and Save Thousands in Commissions**, a three-hour seminar co-taught by George Devine, author of the Nolo Press book "For Sale by Owner," on Thursday, April 20, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, 1 - 4 p.m. \$35 per person or \$50 couple which includes a copy of the book. Registration required. Call 428-0757.

The California Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society hosts its **Annual Show and Sale**, Sat., April 22-23 at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. Public welcome. Admission \$1. Hours are Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call (415) 348-1797 for more information.

The Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society holds its annual **Iris Flower Show** Sat., April 22, 1 - 5 p.m., and Sun., April 23, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Garden Center Building, 666 Bellevue, Oakland. The show will feature all iris types in bloom within the Bay Area including some beard-

less varieties such as Pacific Coast Hybrids, Siberians, Spurias, Japanese and Louisianas. Free. Parking is \$2. Call 482-5252.

First Interstate Bank hosts a **Free Home Buyer's Workshop** at their branch at 5801 Christie Ave., Emeryville, on Saturday, April 22, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The workshop will show people how they may be able to buy a home with just a 3 to 5 percent downpayment if they are on a low to moderate income. Participants will receive a certificate of completion that is necessary to qualify for many low downpayment programs. Reservations required. Call Louise Lovewell at 351-5555.

Women Empowering Women presents **Plumbing for Women**, Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 2830 9th St., Berkeley. Learn how to repair leaky faucets, unclog drains and discover what's in the tank behind the toilet! \$45 - \$60 sliding scale. Registration required. Call 649-6265.

A free first-time home buyers seminar will be sponsored by Mason-McDuffie, PCR Financial and First American Title Company, Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m., 2855 Telegraph Ave., Suite 100. Mortgage broker Russell Doi will explain first-time buyer loan programs. Real estate agent Wendy Kashiwa will explain the process from the initial search to close of escrow. Lavonne Martin and Geri Mitchell of First American Title will demystify escrow. Attendees will receive current information on properties available in their price range. Reservations required. Call Russell at 526-6554.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents four classes on Saturday, April 22: **A Roofing Primer**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; **Termites & Structural Pests: Are You in Denial?** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; **Framing Carpentry**, Sat. & Sun., 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$180; and **Deckbuilding**, two Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$180. Reservations required. Call 525-7610.

The Bay Area Black Architects (BABA) presents an **Exhibit of Architectural Works** through April 23 at the Oakland Museum Restaurant, 1000 Oak St., Oakland. The works include commercial and residential projects and reflect vari-

ous stages of the design and construction process.

Hillside Gardeners of Montclair hosts a **Plant Sale and Boutique** on Tuesday, April 25 at Montclair Recreation Center, 6300 Moraga Ave., Oakland. Refreshments served at 11:30 a.m. Bring your lunch; coffee and tea provided. For more information call 339-1404.

Mason-McDuffie hosts a **Homebuyer Seminar** Saturday, April 29, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Albany Community Center, 1247 Marin Ave. On hand to provide you with the information you need to purchase a home will be a tax expert, an escrow officer, and a loan agent. Refreshments provided. For more information, call Juliana or Pat at 644-5221 or 644-5279.

A **Free Finance Workshop** for home buyers is Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. - noon at 1029 Solano Ave., Albany. Sponsored by CMG Mortgage, topics will include: lender guidelines and income required to qualify for a loan; low and no downpayment options; community assistance programs, points vs. no points choices; and loan program selection and overview. Reservations required. Call Karen Ward at 718-2134.

Women Empowering Women presents **Electricity for Women, Part 1**, Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at 2830 9th St., Berkeley. Learn the basics of home electrical repair from skilled tradeswomen. \$45 - \$60 sliding scale. Registration required. Call 649-6265.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents three workshops on Saturday, April 29: **Owner Contracting: Project Management**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; **Painting: Tricks of the Trade**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and **Stucco Repair: Hands-on Workshop**, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$90. Reservations required. Call 525-7610.

The second annual **Orinda Peddler's Fair**, benefiting junior high and high schools throughout the East Bay and San Francisco, is Sunday, April 30, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Orinda Village. Antiques, jewelry, arts and crafts, collectibles, as well as fresh produce from the farmer's market and good food will be for sale. No admission. North off Highway 24 on Orinda Way between Safeway and Camino Pablo or a short walk from BART.

Blossom Garden, Jr. presents **Kitchens For All Seasons**, a self-guided tour of five historic homes in Alameda's Gold Coast area. There will also be a raffle extravaganza, cooking demonstration, gift boutique and complimentary tea. Tickets are \$15 and benefit Children's Hospital Oakland. To order tickets, call Denise Bowes-Garvin at 523-2769 or purchase tickets at the door.

A free **First-time Home buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and PCR Financial, will be held every first and third Wednesday of the month at 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a Realtor on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and more. Free loan pre-qualification and a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations required. Call Russell at 526-6554.

Le Tip International, an organization of independent business people devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Steve Scott at 528-0767.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Maggie Sharpe, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047; Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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buys it will, too. He tells us about the remodeling he's done, talks about the neighborhood, the vacant lot next door. This chance meeting makes all of us even more excited.

We spend several hours writing the offer. We're all very happy, anticipating. The sellers can't get together with their agent for some hours. The wait seems long.

Anet gets there early. She tells the sellers she thinks this sale is meant to be. This house is right for Stephenie and Matthew. It is the best kind of meeting — clean, good, open.

Later we get word that the sellers have made a counter offer which simply clarifies when they will be able to move.

There is much delighted whooping back and forth on the phone.

On Friday we spend several hours doing the inspection. The house checks out great. There are things that could be done — strapping the hot water heater, bolting the foundation — but nothing we haven't thought about, nothing scary.

While we are there, we take photographs and measure the rooms. We talk about which room Matthew will use for his office, which one will be Stephenie's. They worry that they don't have enough furniture.

Meanwhile the sellers are in contract on their new house and they are doing their inspections. The loans chug along, the appraisals are done. We're getting closer to being able to decide on the final moving schedule.

Stephenie doesn't know what to say to people who are suddenly offering advice. "You really should have looked at houses for a lot longer," one person tells her.

"We looked for two or three people who would pay much less than asking price. Others asked how much are you paying?"

The sellers and we always happen. But we are glad to know our sellers proudly point out the house, exchange their numbers and promise to let us know if they get a stray mail.

Final proof of good luck: the sellers move furniture, nicks in the paint, etc. don't have to, they want everything.

We go to the title company. Stephenie and Matthew slowly, deliberately, rounded letters that name out long. Matthew fast, keeping his pile in the same small spot, stacks of papers to sign pictures.

The following Thursday, the sale is closed. The house theirs. "We've also don't have anything in," says Stephenie. "ing out a lot. We can move."

Thursday, April 6, after we first talked to Stephenie and Matthew. They are quite content, so much space in the Stephenie bubbles, "empty drawers, so we out shopping for house."

Pat Talbert and Anne are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To get a mailing list, call Tarpoff Ltd., at 653-2050.

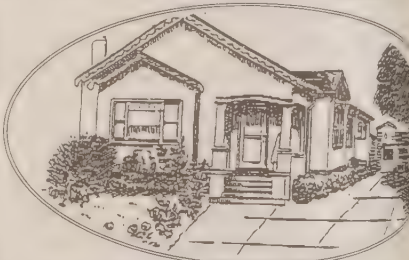


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401 Help Wanted

SEEKING qualified childcare workers, Harbor Bay Child Care Agency in person, 200 Capwell Drive, Oakland, CA 94612

SENIOR BUYER

Hydraulic Controls, Inc., a regional industrial distributor, is seeking to hire a Senior Buyer for their central purchasing department. The successful candidate will have a minimum of five (5) years purchasing experience, with at least two at the Senior Buyer level. A thorough working knowledge of inventory control and inventory management is required. Knowledge of EDI purchasing and PC skills are a plus. This hands-on position requires a professional self-starter who will take the responsibility and accountability for their assigned lines. HCI offers a competitive salary and generous benefit package. Please forward your resume and salary history in confidence to:

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Attention: Ada Allen

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402 Independent Employment

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GRAND OPENING

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403 Salon Opportunities

ANGELO'S Leasing only, one stylist, one manicurist, 12 operator salon, Oakland Hills. Contact Kitty 531-0252

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404 Volunteer Opportunities

RESOURCE Center/ Library Volunteers. Computer-literate volunteers, or those willing to learn about computerized systems, are being sought by the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center to help cancer patients and their families in the center's patient education center. Volunteers would work four-hour shifts assisting patients in finding information using CD-ROM equipment, interactive computer videos, multimedia packets and other equipment. For more information, call (510)204-6441

405 Employment Exchange

LOVELY three bedroom home in exchange for \$700 plus 70 hours outside help monthly. 569-3353

CARPENTER wanted for Montclair Estate Garden. One room furnished cabin with bathroom and kitchen facilities including utilities in exchange for approximately 8 hours a week of cleaning yard and pool. Please send current employment information. Call 654-4384

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

ALL around help. Housecleaning, housekeeping, meals, shopping, errands. Evenings, weekends. State license #010214651. 565-5699

LOVING nanny, Monday through Fridays, full-time. Excellent references. Experience with infants. Anne 450-4899

PERSONAL Chef. Delicious, nutritious, low fat. Thai, Indian, Mexican, Dean Ormish. Excellent references. Susan 528-7065

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

HOME Care Helper- active elderly man. Easy Bay Requirements: driving, monitoring medicine, running errands, cooking, some cleaning. Familiarity with memory-related disorders preferred. (415)474-4842 leave message

HOUSEHOLD helper, cleaning, gardening, nonsmoking, responsible, excellent English, social security number, own car, mornings 527-2021

HOUSEKEEPER employees: Alameda: Housecleaning, laundry, cook, shop, approximately one day week; no perfume, scents, pets, tobacco; experienced, references; weekdays, 465-2672

409 Childcare Wanted

CARE for boys, ages 10 and 8, and girl age 2. One-2 evenings/week. Light housework. Piedmont references. 482-0714

NANNYS needed. Full-time, part-time, live-in or out. Must have experience, references and car required. No fee. Be In Our Care Agency, 933-2273

FULL-TIME nanny live-in, in Oakland home for 2 girls, 4 and 3, English necessary. Hours vary 287-5753

FUN- loving person to look after 2 children, 2 days/week June through August. References required, car preferred. 843-6720 evenings

NORTH Berkeley Hills family seeking babysitter, 4 days per week, 400 hours. Car, references, English necessary. For information call 415-675-0153

CHILD CARE three 8 hour days/week for infant, live-out. Fluent English, references required. Alameda 528-7068

BABYSITTER for 8 month old twins. Experience with babies. Own transportation. Must like dogs Monday-Thursday 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. North Berkeley 525-6663

LIVE-IN Nanny, includes salary, room, board. Part-time, car. Rhonda/Michael 339-3961

PART-TIME childcare needed for 3 year old boy, three afternoons plus 1 evening weekly. Must have own car. 524-5372

410 Shared Childcare

SHARE wonderful, experienced, English speaking caregiver with 2 year old. Lower Piedmont. Full-time. 652-8668

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411 Childcare - Licensed

CHILD CARE Skyline area, 18 months up. Quality activities, lunch. Unique environment, Montessori teacher. 530-6830. #010206795

OVER Rainbow Daycare. Loving, lightly structured pre-school activities, outings. Credentialed teacher, Deborah, 339-2056. License #010208900

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DUCK Soup Family Day Care now enrolling Summer! Fall #010213095 653-7430

INFANT toddler care, experienced couple provider, safe and healthy environment, flexible hours, License #010214548, 530-1660

412 Babysitting Offered

LOVING childcare available, full-time, Monday-Friday, in your home. Over 10 years experience with infants and children. Call Nalin 261-4758

QUALIFIED English nanny seeks long-term, live-out position. Clean license, non-smoker, excellent references. 45 hours maximum. Catherine 547-3551

NANNY- experienced, loving, preschool trained full, part-time. Local references. (No car) 547-0673

413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408

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ELDERLY care- night time only. Responsible person, honest, good experience, references. 533-5950

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502 Business Opportunities & Services

IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE? Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Salle Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611

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602 Appliances

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KENMORE heavy duty washer and electric dryer, \$100 each. 524-1135

REFRIGERATOR, white GE Energy Saver, perfect condition. In Rockridge. Moving. \$100 (510)601-1980

603 Garage & Estate Sales

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605 Home Furnishings

15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL Buy or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details

MATTRESS Sets. Twin, \$89. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Scuffed, \$299. Sofa with loveseat, \$399. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-bed, bedroom sets, rollaways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic. 444-1990

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 886-8127

BEDROOM set \$100, bookcases \$25, computer tables, hide-a-bed \$50, freezer \$25, full, double bed. 339-7840

QUEEN size 4 place mirror bedroom set, \$325. Kitchen table, 4 chairs, sofa, love seat, metal desk/ file drawers. 451-4170

DAYBED with trundle, white metal, includes 2 twin mattress and linens. Free delivery; \$150. 836-2170

DINING set, 6 chairs, 2 leaves, \$225. Roll topped desk, \$75. End tables \$75. 523-9509

COUCH: Baker beige. Danish, 7 1/2' long. Classic. In Rockridge. \$300. 601-1980

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

DUNCAN ceramic kiln, model #DK920-1, 230 V.A.C. 45 amp. modals/ accessories, \$500/ offer. Call 531-5157

EXERCYCLE, Precor 817 recumbent cycle. New. must sell. Paid \$375, sell \$250. 484-4405

SIMMONS crib/ mattress, dresser/ changing table, good condition, crib accessories, \$500. Full bed, \$400. Oak kitchen table/ chairs, \$100. 522-1718

HILLS Swim and Tennis Club family membership for sale. Includes fitness center. Negotiable. 658-7329

A/S Tickets. 7th row behind home plate. 4 per game at face value. Up to 10 games available. 652-4369

HILLS Club Family Membership for sale, \$3,000 negotiable. 339-1780 evenings or, 415-777-5363. 5 days

607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED- An old toy train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. Free - 547-1278

608 Musical Instruments

STEINWAY 8' concert grand piano, 100+ years. Very keys, great shape, sound. \$10,500/ offer. 601-6352

GIBSON Les Paul Standard, black, 1992. \$500. Fender Power Chorus Amplifier, \$350. Fender USA Jazz Bass, natural, 1983. \$650. Fender Bassman 60 Amplifier, \$250. 601-6352

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609 Pets - Care & Supplies

MATURE, responsible Oakland cat lover will care for your kitty, plants and mail. CityCats. 510-531-5940

HOME needed- 2 year old black/ white female neutered cat. Indoors/ outdoors. Awfully affectionate. (510) 339-1558

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INSIDE STORAGE SPACES! Upscale area. Various sizes available. \$20/ month (4x8) and up. Jeff 530-3148

704 Housing Wanted

PROFESSIONAL family seeking rental home/ duplex, 2 bedroom minimum. Needed June. Ideal tenants (home owners in Oregon), will be 3 years in area. Laura and Bill 503-227-6055 collect okay

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TWO women seek 2+ bedroom dwelling- Montclair, North Berkeley, East El Cerrito, Kensington, similar area. Please call (415) 868-4087

706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals

\$800 ONE bedroom April 20- August 15. Spacious, sunny, quiet, great location, near UC 848-1925

\$950 GLENVIEW, furnished 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. July 1995- 1996. Appliances, garage. Deposit. 510-531-1541

707 Vacation Rentals Bed & Breakfast

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709 Alameda

710 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Alameda

\$475 STUDIO, Marshall Way. Fourth. Walk-to-walk carpets, laundry, parking, no pets, Agent 523-1115

\$535 LARGE studio with separate kitchen in charming security building near Park St. Most utilities included; laundry, parking available. 841-9434

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712 2 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

\$725- \$925 BEACH front apartments, 1-2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Spectacular Bay view, fireplace, gourmet kitchen. Ask about move-in specials. 1901 Shoreline Drive. 814-8771

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713 3+ BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

\$895 THREE bedroom on Van Buren in fourplex, walk-to-walk carpet, laundry, parking. Agent 523-1115

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\$615 ALBANY 1 bedroom fourplex, stove, refrigerator, carpeting, private patio, clean, spacious. No pets. 525-3637

\$650 ALBANY 1 bedroom, sunny top floor, garage. Great location. Shopping. Available May 1. 527-2660

\$710 ALBANY top floor, large 1 bedroom apartment. Pets negotiable. 524-9676

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\$800 HUGUE sunny 2 bedroom, convenient to Solano/ freeway. Covered parking, laundry, cat okay. 527-4298

\$825 VERY large 2 bedroom apartment, freshly painted, central parking, laundry. No pets. 526-8814, 866-0666

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\$1025 HILLS fourplex. Utilities paid. Dining, fireplace, in-law, dishwasher. Panoramic view. #45790-B. Homefinders 54

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\$350 MONTH plus utilities. Disabled woman seeks 2 housemates. Luxury East Bay apartment. Assist with chores and personal care for pay. Call Jays (510) 832-7126.

**777 Oakland
Piedmont & South**

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\$340 GRAND Lake house share - convenient laundry, transportation near, kitchen privileges. 1/3 utilities. 800-452-0144.

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\$360 Near Lakeshore, quiet. Fireplace, hardwoods, laundry. Bedroom 13x14, dressing room, utilities. Non-smoking. 465-7421, Peter.

\$375 ROOM in 2 bedroom house near I-580/Keller. Deck, fireplace and hardwood floors. Share kitchen and washer/dryer. 632-6846.

\$375 TWO considerate, inner-directed professionals (male, female) seek third to share Diamond District Mediterranean style home. 436-3964.

\$375 TWO spacious rooms with new carpet, windows, cable, partially furnished. No utilities. Call 451-9165.

\$390 PIEDMONT Pines. Share house with woman. Separate suite. Level patio, laundry. 329-9778.

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\$450 MONTCLAIR Tahoe like share with one person. 1/4 utilities, sunny, quiet, fireplace, decks. 330-0619.

\$450 MONTCLAIR, upper hills home with male, late 20's and dog. Private room. Message 339-0723.

\$450 ROSE Garden penthouse master bedroom available. Nice view. Non-smoking. No pets. Doug 653-9685.

\$450 SPACIOUS, sunny, quiet, 2 bedroom home, Mandana Ave., with responsible, professional, friendly woman. 444-5125.

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\$500 SHARE spacious Oakmore home with 2 professional women. 2 adjoining rooms, private entrance. View, washer/dryer, car. Considerate roommates. Available May 1. Susan 482-2971.

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PIEDMONT Ave. street level, 400 sq. ft. Office/retail, two rooms plus waiting room. 869-2613.

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urban parkland. The integration of a significant "village square" into the overall plan based on traditional town models will enormously heighten the appeal, attractiveness and "sense of place" to the specific plan of the area. It may be justified to further identify surrounding smaller neighborhood parks as well, based on the citizen identification of neighborhood boundaries or sub-boundaries which may not be obvious at present. I would suggest that the consideration of utilizing new middle school or high school's field and recreation facilities is appropriate if they are located so that they do not normally serve the "transient" population associated with a "transit village."

Entertainment is another crucial component of a successful mixed use village. Restaurants or cafes may have live entertainment or music. Movie theatres are always valuable generators of activity. The village square and sidewalk cafes provide passive entertainment. Weekend open markets are great for the life they bring to the village even though they compete with regular business.

Finally I will reflect upon ownership as a function on a healthy community. In general the rule should be design commercial, office and residential uses to

encourage a high percentage of owner occupancy. I cannot stress how important this component is to the "long term economic health" of a village center. When commercial properties are predominantly owned by absentee landlords, there will be a consistently high rate of turnover of businesses and business failures due to excessively high rents and leases and inability to adjust to variations in the economy

and therefore income. Likewise, the cost of goods and services will be much more inflationary thereby excluding more of the local population from taking advantage of the function of the village as "their village." Similarly, affordable housing needs to be kept affordable by some mechanism. Three story residential units can be designed to be sold as a single "townhouse" unit under one owner

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